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Arab-Israeli settlement said needed

Clark looks beyond war

QUEBEC CITY —

The "thorniest" issue in the Middle East today is the Arab-Israeli conflict, says Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark.

"After decades of conflict, the build-up of hatred and misunderstanding [between Israel and Arab states] has been enormous," Clark told the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

In offering Canadian troops for an international peacekeeping effort once hostilities cease between Iraq and the UN coalition, Clark said no regional security plan can succeed unless a "comprehensive, lasting, negotiated" settlement can be reached between Arab countries and Israel, and on the Palestinian question.

Such a settlement, Clark said, "must be founded" on UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

(Resolution 242, adopted following the Six-Day War, called on Israel to withdraw from territories "occupied" in the 1967 conflict, while resolution 338 called for a ceasefire in the 1973 Yom Kippur War and for the negotiated implementation of resolution 242).

Even before the Gulf War, Canada let it be known it favored an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict, Clark said.

The current Israeli government rejects an international peace conference, especially if it is foisted on Israel once the Gulf hostilities end.

Clark said while Canada would not exclude other options, "a well-organized conference with reasonable chances of success would indeed be useful and contribute to the peace process."

Joe Clark

Once the war is over, the international community will have to provide humanitarian assistance and peacekeeping forces to the region, as well as repair the damage caused by the massive oil slicks in the Gulf, Clark said.

He said Canada will continue its financial commitment to several international humanitarian aid organizations. And extra effort will have to be made to meet the needs of hard-hit countries like Egypt, Turkey and Jordan, he added.

Canada is prepared to contribute to the international peacekeeping contingent and to any operations its deployment requires, Clark said.

But such a peacekeeping force should be under UN auspices to make it more acceptable to the local populace, he said.

The minister said Canada plans to promote a world summit on instruments of war and weapons of mass destruction "in the coming months."

Such a conference would aim for the adoption, by 1995, of a strict plan for the non-proliferation and control of weapons, including conventional weapons, Clark said.

Speaking to the Confederation Club in Ottawa the same day, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called the Arab-Israeli dispute "the most worrisome fault line in the Middle East."

Mulroney also said Canada continues to support an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mulroney said a peacekeeping force in the region should come mainly from Arab states, but that Canada is willing to contribute to such a force if asked.

Before an audience that included ambassadors from four Arab countries which are part of the anti-Iraq coalition, Mulroney also proposed an international summit on arms trading.

He also said a massive reconstruction effort — similar to the U.S. Marshall Plan after the Second World War — might be the key to a lasting peace in the region.

THE NEXT DAY

A Ramat Gan resident looks for her possessions in the remains of her apartment after a Scud attack last month. [IPPA photo]

Survivors relive trauma under missile attacks

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

Every time the air-raid siren wails, Isaac feels he is suffocating. The sealed room in his Tel Aviv apartment is transformed into the underground tunnel outside the Warsaw Ghetto, where Isaac hid for two years, and where he watched his two sisters die of asphyxiation.

Isaac, 62, is one of an estimated 150,000 Holocaust survivors in Israel today. And like Isaac, many of them are transported back to their private nightmares, with each wail of the siren, each exploding missile, and each mention of the word "gas."

"No war in Israel has stirred up the kind of anxieties among survivors that this one has," says Dr. Shalom Litman, director of Amcha, the Israeli organization which provides psychological counselling and support for survivors and their families.

"The similarities with the Second World War are too many to ignore: the conquest of one country by an aggressive neighboring country, the rise of a charismatic ruthless dictator set on ruling the region, the initial attempts of the western world to seek a compromise to appease him, the threat to harm Jews for no other reason than the fact that they are Jews, and above all, the threat to do this using German-made poison gas.

"All of this," says Litman, "is bound to open up old wounds among survivors, forcing them to relive their struggle for existence."

For one woman in her 70s that struggle meant locking all the doors in her Tel Aviv apartment, barricading the windows, and clogging every hole in the wall. That was four months ago. She has not left her home since.

Armed with enough food reserves for a year, and with her suitcases packed and waiting near the front door, the former inmate of Auschwitz is adamant that "this time, they won't catch me."

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By contrast, when another Tel Aviv resident, also a survivor, hears the siren, she climbs up to the roof of her apartment, lies down on a lawn chair and lights a cigarette. Sometimes she watches as the Scud missile explodes, a bored look in her eyes.

"It's impossible to generalize the responses of survivors," says Litman, recounting the stories of both women, who were referred to Amcha for treatment by their adult children.

"Some become paranoid, some aggressive, some totally apathetic. A lot depends on what they went through and when.

"Those who were children during the war are often the most scarred because they experienced traumatic losses at an impressionable age. Those who survived death camps are more deeply affected than those who were hidden in the woods," explains Litman.

"What's clear is that for many survivors, the differences between the present day situation and the one they lived through have become blurred. They can no longer evaluate the present day threat realistically," says Litman.

As a result, Amcha has been inundated with an unprecedented number of requests for psychological help. In particular, the number of house calls has shot up because many survivors are afraid to leave their homes. In a bitter irony, a few of the requests for house calls can no longer be met, since the homes of those clients have been destroyed by missiles.

Those victims can still seek help at the organization's Ramat Gan office, which had 250 new referrals in January alone, com-

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LIFE GOES ON

A mother holds her newborn baby in a Tel Aviv hospital with gas mask close at hand. [Photo courtesy of the Israeli Consulate, Montreal]

Rabbinical Reflections

With this issue, The Canadian Jewish News introduces a new column, *Rabbinical Reflections*. It will appear weekly on the Jewish Life page, which will close the national section (this week, page 19).

Contributors will include both Montreal and Toronto rabbis from across the Jewish spectrum. We would like to express our appreciation to Rabbi Aaron Levine of Toronto, the Board of Jewish Ministers of Greater Montreal and the Toronto Board of Rabbis for their co-operation in assisting us to bring these insights into Jewish thought and belief to our readers.

Canada

B'nai Brith Canada cuts back as budget is slashed $1.55M

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The flow of money to Operation Exodus, the economic recession, and a resulting shortfall in its fund raising campaign has meant a slash of $1,550,000 in the overall budget of B'nai Brith Canada.

The most seriously affected operation is B'nai Brith Youth Organization and Hillel student activities on university campuses. Despite the budget cuts, Frank Dimant, BBC's executive vice-president, told The CJN that all its social services, the League for Human Rights and the Institute for International Affairs remain intact.

B'nai Brith Canada is not funded by the National Budgeting Conference.

It claims a membership of 20,000, which would make it the largest Jewish dues-paying organization in Canada.

The budget cuts have reached deep within it. For example, the Canadian Jewish Law Students Association lost two-thirds of its budget. Funding for the Jerusalem Pavilion, sponsored by B'nai Brith as part of Caravan, has been drastically cut.

"There's no doubt that we're operating very tightly and that everyone is working a lot harder," said Dimant.

Mark Sandler, chairman of the League for Human Rights, a volunteer, said the League has experienced some reduction in staff, but its operations have in no way been curtailed. In fact, the League has added a new activity, sponsorship of a national human rights print and visual contest for high school and public school students.

Brian Morris, chairman of the Institute for Internatinal Affairs, also a volunteer, said none of the Institute's operations have been affected.

The Charles Goldlust Human Rights Centre was completed in the fall of 1989. But fund-raising efforts to sell components within the two-storey addition have met with less success than BBC officials anticipated.

A major donor campaign being orchestrated by the Martin Group, a national fund raising consulting agency specializing in the not-for-profit sector, was aborted in December, 1989, after eight months of planning and an investment of some $100,000.

In a letter dated Dec. 14 to lodge presidents, B'nai Brith Canada President Marilyn Wainberg said: "It is with deep sadness that we have to write to you regarding decisions taken by the District Administrative Board of B'nai Brith at our meeting on Dec. 10.

"As you know, the demands for fund raising on the Jewish community have been tremendous this year. The needs to fund Operation Exodus are massive. This combined with the recession have resulted in a shortfall in our own fund raising."

CRUNCH in the Community

Second in a series on the effects of the recession on the Jewish community

District operating on deficit

District 22 of the international order, (which stretches from Atlantic Canada to Alberta), has been operating on a deficit for the past several years. To add to this difficulty, a $2.5 million mortgage was taken out in 1988 to finance construction of the new wing of B'nai Brith Canada's Downsview headquarters, as well as to renovate the existing facilities on Hove Street.

JCC forced to respond to allocation reduction

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
"Are we the first Jewish agency that's crying the blues?

"Every organization has the same concerns and problems," says Paul Brownstein, executive director of the Jewish Community Centre.

For Brownstein, tough economic times have brought the JCC's financial situation to front and centre, though every effort is being made to spare the membership from the consequences of the current budgetary squeeze.

Most of its members will not notice the JCC's financial difficulties — if only because a conscious effort is being made to project an image of business as usual. But behind the scenes, budget planners are being forced to come to grips with a $60,000 reduction in the Toronto Jewish Congress' (TJC) 1991 allocation and projected higher costs on everything from utilities to paper clips.

The response has been a combination of schemes to enhance revenues and cut costs. Fifteen people have been let go at the Centre's five branches, including both full-time and part-time employees ranging from a branch manager to secretarial and maintenance staff.

Plans to introduce day care at the Bloor Street branch have been put on hold indefinitely and most community programs have been frozen in place with no hope of expansion.

In other cost-cutting moves, staff salaries have also been frozen while cutbacks are planned for behind the scenes expenses — everything from less frequent garbage collection to the conserving office supplies.

On the revenue-enhancing side of of the ledger, the Centre has offered a 20 per cent cut on fees in a bid to entice new members, while those renewing their membership saw the annual fees stay frozen for the first time in at least 20 years.

Up to $300,000 is expected to be trimmed off the Centre's payroll, Brownstein said.

A large part of the reason for the financial crunch being felt by the Centre is the expected 10 per cent cut in the $600,000 allocation it received last year from Toronto Jewish Congress, the community's fund-raising arm.

Even though Toronto's Jews have contributed funds in unprecedented amounts, reaching $92 million in 1990, most of that ($55 million) was raised in the Operation Exodus campaign for Soviet Jews settlement in Israel. Only $37 was raised in the regular annual campaign — a drop from $41 million the year before.

That means less is available for Canadian agencies and organizations, resulting in the 10 per cent cutback for the JCC's allocation in 1991. Coupled with inflation, the real cost could reach closer to 15 per cent.

While revenue is coming down, costs are going up: utilities are more expensive, inflation is up, the GST is boosting the costs of everything, pay equity provisions will raise the salaries of female employees and an expected new union contract may also contribute to higher costs, Brownstein said.

JCC executive director Paul Brownstein

While the JCC (which includes the North Y, Bloor St. Y, North East/Valley branches, the Koffler Centre for the Arts and Leah Posluns Theatre) is bracing for leaner times ahead, things could be much worse, Brownstein says.

The $60,000 shortfall is not catastrophic in the light of the agency's $9 million budget, he says.

Funds received from TJC are earmarked for specific uses, he explained, such as programs for the disabled, a friendship club for the developmentally handicapped, day camp and membership scholarships (subsidies), singles programs, cultural events, Judaic and cultural programs and the annual book fair.

"We're not going to throw then out onto the street," Brownstein said. "The programs will continue," but the financial impact will be felt throughout the agency.

Where the JCC is really hurting is in its capital costs, he said. The Centre has a bank debt of more than $5 million arising out of renovations and expansions in past years. That translates into a bank payment of about $50,000 per month — or $600,000 per year.

Pledges towards the Centre's capital fund have been received from a number of benefactors, "but we're not collecting," Brownstein said.

That means JCC's bank payments go only towards payment of interest and no dent will be made on the principal, stretching out the JCC's debt long into the future. With the economy in a downturn and with Operation Exodus laying claim to funds in the community, it would be crazy to restart a capital campaign at this point, the executive director added.

CJA still expecting increase

Fund raising stable in Winnipeg

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
A survey of Winnipeg Jewish fund raising organizations revealed the recession has yet to take any large bite out of their revenues for the most part.

The consensus is that it may be harder to sell the larger campaigns in the spring but the small contributions continue to come in at the same rate as usual.

Typical was the response of Shira Waldman, executive director of the local chapter of the Canadian Technion Society. "We're running comparable to last year," she reports. "People are in the habit of making small donations for tribute cards. No one's going to quibble over $5 or $10 for a card."

With many of the local chapter's members south for the winter there are no campaigns going on. "People are rethinking their priorities," she says. "For a large campaign, we will have to be flexible in perhaps accepting donations paid out over time."

Both Bob Lapidus, executive director of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University-Winnipeg Chapter, and Sharon Weinstein, president of the Hadassah-WIZO Council of Winnipeg, agree there has been little effect yet from the recession but they won't really know what effect there will be until they launch their major campaigns in the spring.

"We don't expect any big increases through our Youth Aliya Dinner in the spring," says Weinstein. "Our goal is to maintain the status quo. If we can maintain current levels, we will be doing well."

Lapidus expects some negative impact from the recession and on the Hebrew University spring campaign. As well, he notes, people are committed to Operation Exodus. "Once we get going, I think the going will be harder but we think we will be close to reaching our goals."

The local chapter of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev had a major fund raising event in November which exceeded expectations. The guest speaker was Natan Sharansky.

Successful campaign

"Without him we might not have done quite as well," says executive director Anya Strauss. While she hasn't noticed any recessionary effects yet, she says the organization has lowered its expectations.

Shmuel Ben-Shachar, shaliach for the Jewish National Fund here, says the annual High Holiday campaign was successful and trees continue to sell well, but the recession is being felt on the bigger fund raisers. "It's too bad this is happening at a crucial moment in our history," he says.

David Wilder, executive director of the Israel Bonds office in Winnipeg, is optimistic new instruments the organization has introduced will attract larger investors and more than make up for any $250 bond purchasers that are lost.

The official totals aren't in yet from the city's major campaign — the Combined Jewish Appeal — but it looks certain there will be increases over last year. "We've lost some business-related contributions," says Sheldon Zamick, the campaign director, "but card for card we're ahead of last year. The campaign has been quite successful."

Zamick feels the recession is as much perception as reality. "When you are inundated by the media about how bad times are, you come to believe it though your income hasn't been effected. Winnipeg is a stable community. People realize this is a recession, not a depression. We are satisfied with the way people have rallied around the campaign."

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Bars scientist from entering country

Rudolph trying to appeal Canadian legal decision

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Former Nazi rocket scientist Arthur Rudolph is seeking leave to appeal an adjudicator's decision barring him from Canada.

The appeal document cites 10 grounds on which Rudolph claims the adjudicator erred, said Nanette Rosen, one of two Justice Department lawyers who prosecuted the case.

Among the grounds of appeal are that the section of the Immigration Act used against Rudolph violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, that the section is too vague and that crimes against humanity did not exist in law at the time of the incidents alleged against Rudolph (1943-45), Rosen said.

On Jan. 11, immigration adjudicator William Willoughby ruled that Rudolph was not entitled to visit Canada because, by his own admission, he had been involved in using forced labor to construct armaments used against their home countries.

That was a war crime and a crime against humanity, he stated.

Evidence at the hearing indicated that Rudolph was project manager of the V-2 rocket program in the Mittelwerk (MW) factory in central Germany. From 1943-45, an estimated 25,000 slave laborers died in the factory from maltreatment, disease, lack of food and horrific conditions.

In 1983, Rudolph was confronted in the United States with allegations by the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) that he participated in persecution of the laborers. He agreed not to contest their case, to relinquish his citizenship and to leave the country permanently.

He came to Toronto on July 1 from his home in Hamburg, Germany, saying he wished to visit his daughter.

He was stopped at the Toronto airport by immigration officers and the hearing ensued. He returned to Germany partway through the hearing.

Despite his decision against Rudolph, Willoughby accepted all of Rudolph's testimony, including a statement in which he said prisoners received the same food as German supervisors and of being unaware until after the war of the Nazis' racial policies. He also accepted with little question Rudolph's reversal of his testimony in which he first denied seeing anyone hanged in the tunnels and, when confronted with contrary evidence, admitted he had.

Arthur Rudolph

The adjudicator's decision shocked U.S. observers who had been following the case.

Eli Rosenbaum, principal deputy director of the OSI, said he was "appalled at the factual findings, which diverge demonstrably from the true, provable facts both as to the specifics as to Rudolph's actions and as to fundamental history of what happened in the Holocaust."

Rosenbaum was also critical of Willoughby for refusing to accept a document signed by Rudolph on April 16, 1943 in which he recommends the use of forced labor on V-2 production.

Willoughby chose to accept Rudolph's denial that he had never seen it.

"That was the first time in post-war history that any kind of legal proceeding has not accepted a document from the West Germany federal archives," Rosenbaum said.

CJC confident war crimes unit will continue work despite changes

TORONTO —

Arnold Fradkin will no doubt be missed from his former post as deputy director of the Justice Department's war crimes unit, but it is too early to tell whether his departure and that of former director Bill Hobson will have a major impact on the unit.

That cautious assessment of the recent changes in the upper administrative echelons of the unit was delivered by Jack Silverstone, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"We're sorry about his (Fradkin's) departure," Silverstone said. "We know about his dedication and feel his departure is a loss to the unit."

But he expressed confidence that the personnel taking over from Hobson and Fradkin, the former numbers one and two men in the unit, would bring dedication and determination to their work.

David Matas

Hobson was replaced as director of the unit by Peter Kremer, while the deputy director post remains open.

"Both Hobson and Fradkin were very able people doing good work," said David Matas, legal counsel for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

Hobson went on sabbatical about six months ago, while Fradkin, citing health reasons, resigned his position late last year.

While Silverstone was cautious in evaluating the repercussions of the departures of the unit's two top people, he acknowledged that "in any organization, when the director and assistant director leave, it's a cause for concern."

While it's too early to tell what the results of their departures will be, "if there are no prosecutions, we will have to re-evaluate our position," he said.

Matas said that in an office with 12 lawyers, "you'd expect some turnover. I don't believe the government's will (to prosecute war criminals) has flagged."

The departure of the most senior lawyers "obviously can't help. . . but it's not devastating either."

Matas said that regardless of the departures, he was more concerned that in recent years only a few war crimes cases have been brought before the courts.

He suggested that the unit was awaiting a determination in the Jacob Luitjens denaturalization case before proceeding with other such prosecutions.

The Crown alleges that Luitjens, a native of Holland who now resides in Vancouver, was a Nazi collaborator who lied to gain admission to Canada and should now be stripped of his citizenship. The case was heard about 20 months ago, but no decision has yet been rendered.

Matas said it is inappropriate to wait for that judgement before proceeding with new citizenship cases.

Meanwhile, Gilles Renaud, who took over for Fradkin as senior prosecutor in the case involving accused war criminal Stephen Reistetter, said the pre-trial motions in the case will begin on March 4 at the courthouse at 361 University Ave. in Toronto.

— P.L.

Maritime Jews laying low

By
RON CSILLAG

HALIFAX —

Maritime Jewry is conserving its energy should Israel need an emergency infusion of cash, supplies and support, says the executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, Emmanuel Zabar.

Recently, the AJC organized a live telephone hookup between six Atlantic cities and Montreal to hear Israel's consul-general in Eastern Canada, Itzhak Levanon, deliver a pep talk and briefing on the situation.

In Halifax, over 200 came out to the Beth Israel Synagogue to listen to Levanon, while more than 100 other Jews gathered in Saint John, Fredericton, Charlottetown, Sidney and St. John's.

Two weeks ago, about 70 university students from across Atlantic Canada gathered here for a rally in support of Israel.

And the AJC has set up a media response committee, chaired by former president Lee Cohen, to have experts on the Middle East at hand for media interviews.

"We've also bombarded the community with information and updates," said Zabar.

The chairman of the council's Israel Action committee, Jon Goldberg, attended the recent meeting in Israel of Canadian Jewish Congress's national executive, Zabar added.

But that's the extent of the activity here, he said. There is no emergency cash or Israel Bonds appeal. There was no mass rally for Israel, the kind seen in other Canadian cities, and there are no plans for one.

"We don't want to cry wolf. The instructions we're getting from Keren Hayesod (the fund-raising arm of the Jewish Agency) are not to run an emergency campaign," Zabar told The CJN.

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Canada

Allies benefited from Israel's knowledge

Pollard victim of politics, anti-Semitism, says sister

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — The bitter saga of Jonathan Pollard, the American naval intelligence analyst sentenced to life imprisonment for passing information to Israel, may be coming to an end, his sister, Carol Pollard told an audience of over 200 at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue recently.

Since the arrest in November 1985 of Pollard, a civilian and a Jew, and his wife Anne, the case has been controversial.

(Pollard and his wife are now divorced.)

First of all, Jonathan Pollard's request to withdraw his original plea of guilty is scheduled to be heard in the District of Columbia appellate court on Feb. 15.

More importantly perhaps, Carol Pollard said the Knesset Lobby for Pollard, a group comprising the entire membership of the Israeli parliament, has asked U.S. President George Bush to commute his sentence.

As well, Shoshana Cardin, newly elected chairman of the Council of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations has agreed to issue a statement of support in the name of the council.

The irony, Carol said, was that the information her brother transmitted — which was by treaty supposed to be provided to Israel in any case — concerned Iraqi nuclear and chemical warfare sites and capabilities.

The allied troops in the Persian Gulf now, she said, are availing themselves of the benefits of Israel's advanced knowledge.

Jonathan Pollard did not receive justice — he was a victim of politics and anti-Semitism, she charged.

Even John Walker and his brother and son, she noted, who were convicted of passing vital information to the U.S.S.R., received lighter sentences.

(Carol Pollard claims that that information contributed to the U.S. defeat in the Vietnam War.)

For the sake of his sick wife, and, he thought, in the interests of both the United States and Israel, Carol Pollard said that Jonathan agreed to a plea bargain with the prosecution and the U.S. Justice Department.

The terms of the agreement were that there would be no trial, just an in-camera hearing that would lead to lesser sentences for both him and his wife.

The government, Carol Pollard charged, fed lies to the press, saying that Jonathan was an alcoholic, a drug addict, mentally unstable, and a traitor.

Yet, "when a group of touring Russians visited him in prison and asked for a comment on his situation, he passed a note out of his cell saying 'Free Soviet Jewry,' " she said.

His wife, Anne, received two concurrent five-year sentences. Her family has accused the authorities of not giving her adequate medical treatment while in prison.

Jonathan was sentenced to life imprisonment with no possibility of parole.

He is held in solitary confinement, three floors under the ground, kept in his cell for 23 hours of the day, his visitors and correspondence limited, censored and overheard.

Even the kosher food he manages to get, Carol said, is usually spoiled.

K unit in Marion prison, she said, is a special one.

"The prisoners are there for symbolic reasons — to show what the U.S. government can do if it really gets angry."

Carol Pollard puts most of the blame squarely on the head of then defence secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Weinberger, she said, believed strongly that Israel shouldn't be too powerful in relation to its Arab neighbors.

Not only did he call Jonathan Pollard "the worst spy in American history," thus ensuring he would glean little public support, but, Carol charged, just before sentence was to be passed, Weinberger informed the judge (contrary to legal procedure even if the facts had been accurate) that Pollard had also assisted the South African government.

Since the judge was black, this was guaranteed to infuriate him, she said.

Carol quoted the judge as saying that her brother's harsh sentence was due to this information, rather than his actions on behalf of Israel.

An affidavit from the late Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg confirms this information.

Israel shares the blame for her brother's situation, Carol asserts.

Jonathan claims that the Israeli Embassy had promised him that he could find refuge there in case of trouble. But when he went to them for help, he was unceremoniously turned away.

As well, the embassy provided the U.S. government with documents he had given them — with his fingerprints on them.

(The Israel Embassy in Canada would not comment on the case.)

She urged the audience to lobby the Canadian government and their Canadian Jewish organizations to pressure the United States on Jonathan's behalf, as Great Britain has already done.

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In a personal interview, the formal, analytical, and accusing Carol Pollard is muted, as the "timid soul" she says she was before all this happened is allowed to come through.

Carol is a hospital administrator, who lost her job when her brother hit the headlines because her boss felt she could no longer appear before the public.

She plays Renaissance, baroque and medieval music on the Renaissance cello with St. George Consort, a well-regarded chamber orchestra from Yale University.

She is a painter.

She is engaged to be married.

"I made a promise five years ago (when her brother was arrested) that I wouldn't get married until he got out of prison," she says.

She talks of how her life has changed, how her music teacher refused to keep her as a student because she could no longer spend the necessary time to practice. How she spends endless days and nights on the road, drumming up support for the brother she loves and admires. How she was forced to become a public figure herself, with little of the privacy most of us take for granted.

"I'm not a brave soul — I just put one foot in front of the other and keep going."

She spoke warmly of the house in Mitzpe Ramon in the Negev, given by the town government, that is waiting for Jonathan when he is released.

And of her own plans to make aliya.

She is anxious that people understand Jonathan.

"He is a scholar, a musician, a committed Zionist."

Carol Pollard

Their father, four times decorated for bravery in the Second World War, is a professor at Notre Dame University; one brother works for the government; their mother and grandmother are life members of Hadassah.

And the family lost 75 members in the Holocaust, a fact that she says has had an ineradicable influence on her brother.

When she goes to visit her brother in the prison at Marion, Ill., she becomes physically ill.

She says she is at the mercy of the guards, who, every visit, pretend they have never seen her before and try to refuse her admittance.

She has to fight to bring even a picture to show him, but not too hard, because they can turn her away altogether.

Her eyes water describing how Jonathan rations conversation for the six hours they spend together.

"He says for the first hour, we will talk about this, and for the second hour we will discuss that."

She brings him treats — candy and Dr. Pepper root beer, and he rations them too.

All the while, she says, they know that their conversation is being taped, and if she tries to reach to kiss or touch him she is prevented.

Neither is allowed to use the bathroom during the whole time.

Yet, every so often, a guard will lean over and whisper, "He should get a medal."

There is more hope now, she says, because there is more public support. The Chief Sephardi Rabbi of Israel has said he plans to visit him. The Grand Rabbi of Paris has spoken in his support.

And the Gulf crisis has made people see that Israel is not the "semi-belligerent power" people like Caspar Weinberger and Spiro Agnew tried to make it out to be, she says.

Elaine Zeitz is the Canadian contact for the Pollards. People can contact her at 120 Shelborne Ave., Apt. 1510, Toronto, Ont. M6B 2M7.

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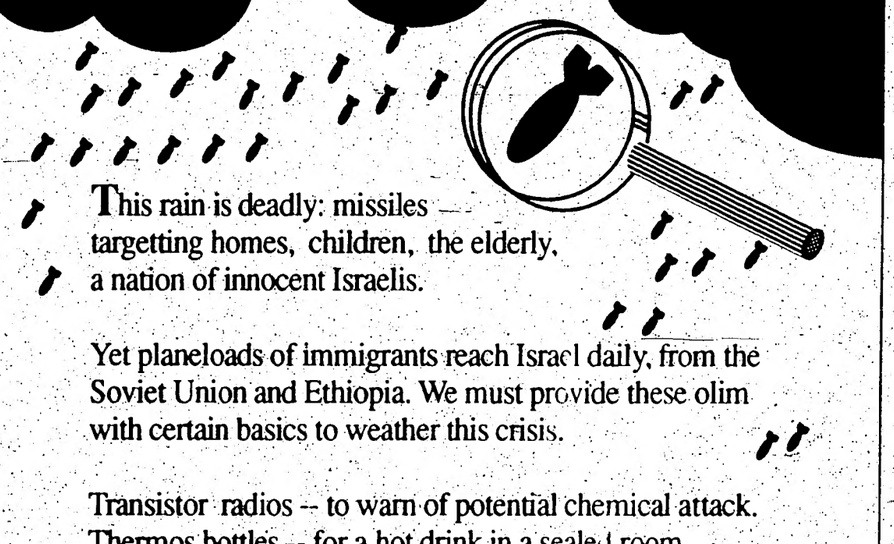

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Levy, Ne'eman express opposing views

Cabinet ministers split over post-war peace process

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Foreign Minister David Levy and Science and Energy Minister Yuval Ne'eman clashed sharply in cabinet on Sunday over the likely direction of the post-war peace process, informed sources said.

Ne'eman suggested Levy might bow to U.S. pressure in his talks with Secretary of State James Baker on Feb. 15.

Levy responded angrily that Ne'eman was not interested in any serious peace moves. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejected Ne'eman's demand for a cabinet debate before Levy's trip.

Ne'eman reportedly feared Levy would discuss concessions to Syria on the Golan Heights. He also urged the government to back off from its May, 1989 peace initiative calling for talks with Palestinians and individual Arab states.

Reports 10 days ago said Baker informally asked Zalman Shoval, the ambassador in Washington, if Israel would consider demilitarizing the Golan Heights - if American troops were deployed there.

But Baker was skeptical of President Hafez Assad's interest in an accomodation with Israel, believing he would rather lead the rejectionist Arab camp in the post-war period.

In any case, officials in the Prime Minister's Office say Israel would reject such a proposal if it surfaced in earnest.

The sources quoted Ne'eman as saying: "The Middle East is changing with this war. There are a few members of this cabinet that opposed the May

Yuval Ne'eman

initiative. Our views have to change accordingly. Syria is no better than Iraq. King Hussein has also disqualified himself with his current (pro-Iraqi) behavior."

Ne'eman said Israel should not negotiate with any of its neighbors until it had talks with states such as Saudi Arabia which have no direct disputes with Israel.

Levy reportedly erupted in anger: "Am I a hater of Israel? Are you trying to say that Baker is an enemy of Israel? ... You don't need to preach to me or give me instructions. There are people here who panic when they hear Israel must prepare itself for diplomatic talks -even when the terms are better for Israel."

"I want to ask you," Levy said, "if we have to reject every peace process? ... Our chances today are better than ever. The PLO has been dropped as a partner, the international conference is sinking, and now the world has begun to talk to us about direct negotiations with Arab states. I believe anyone who is afraid of any process cannot protect Israel's interests and certainly cannot achieve peace."

After the cabinet clash, Shamir told Ne'eman there was no need for a cabinet debate now but one would precede any planned departure from government policy.

Levy was to meet congressional officials today before his talks tomorrow with Baker.

Meanwhile, after Housing Minister Ariel Sharon's criticism of the government's policy of restraint, Shamir asked all ministers except Levy and Defence Minister Moshe Arens to refrain from giving interviews on Israel's stance during the Gulf war.

Shamir also made an exception for Health Minister Ehud Olmert because of his frequent appearances on the foreign media.

In other cabinet news, Shamir formally appointed Ze'evi to the Ministerial Committee on National Security.

David Levy

Flights to Prague approved

PRAGUE (JTA) — Direct flights between Prague and Tel Aviv were approved Feb. 7 by the Czechoslovak federal government.

The inaugural date and technical details have yet to be worked out between El Al and CSA, the Czechoslovak airline. But security problems, which held up the start of flights after the two countries agreed to them in principle last June, have been settled.

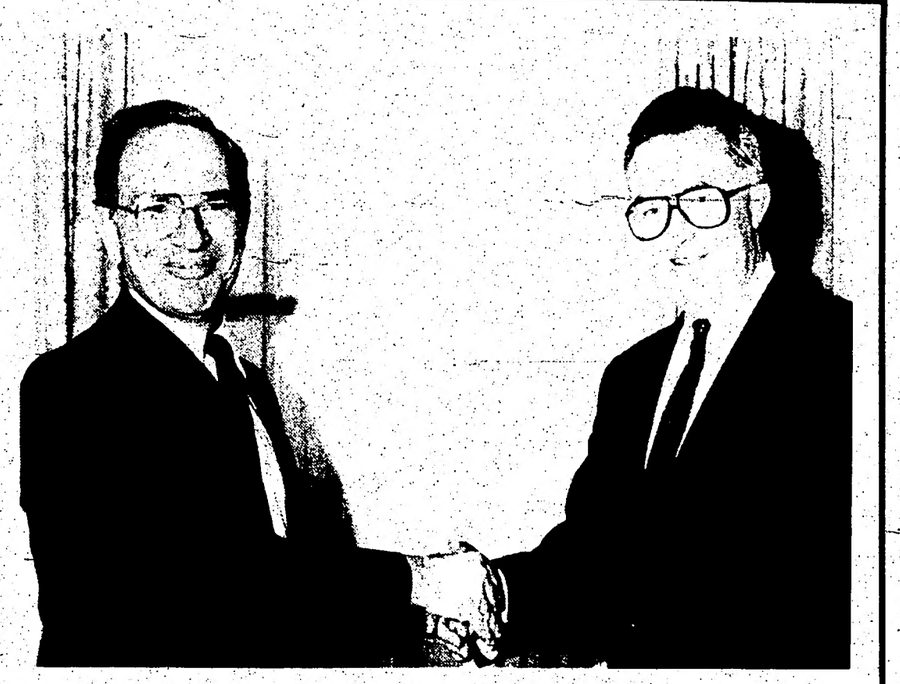
Formal approval of the air link at this time was seen as a further expression of Czechoslovakia's solidarity with Israel since it became the target of unprovoked Iraqi rocket attacks last month.

Another gesture of solidarity was the condemnation of Saddam Hussein's aggression against Israel by the National Assembly, which praised Israel for its restraint in the Persian Gulf conflict.

In a further demonstration of goodwill, seven non-Jewish Czechoslovak intellectuals left Prague on Feb. 3 for a 10-day visit to Israel at the invitation by the World Zionist Organization.

The visitors also include two prominent Catholic clergymen and two journalists.

Since arriving in Israel, they have been received by Israeli President Chaim Herzog and other leading Israeli personalities.



COURTESY CALL

Israel's new ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelef, paid a courtesy call on Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark in Toronto recently. [Alron photo]

Saddam's removal key to achieving peace: PM

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — There will be no peace in the Middle East as long as Saddam Hussein rules Iraq, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Friday.

The statement marks the first time since the start of the war that Shamir has explicitly called Saddam's departure a key to a new, post-war Middle East.

But he has studiously avoided supporting direct calls on the allies to kill the Iraqi leader, although some senior Israeli officials privately favor this.

"Saddam Hussein has to leave the stage if indeed we want peace and stability in the Middle East," Shamir told reporters after a meeting with Danish Social-Democrat chairman Suend Aaken. Shamir did not elaborate.

His remarks are timely for two reasons. First, they come as policymakers in the United States are drawing up plans for post-war stability, and Foreign Minister David Levy is scheduled to meet Secretary of State James Baker Feb. 15 to discuss the post-war situation.

Second, and more immediately, a debate has begun in the United States upon whether the United States needs to expand the war beyond Kuwait's borders and invade Iraq, if it would mean hastening the end of the war.

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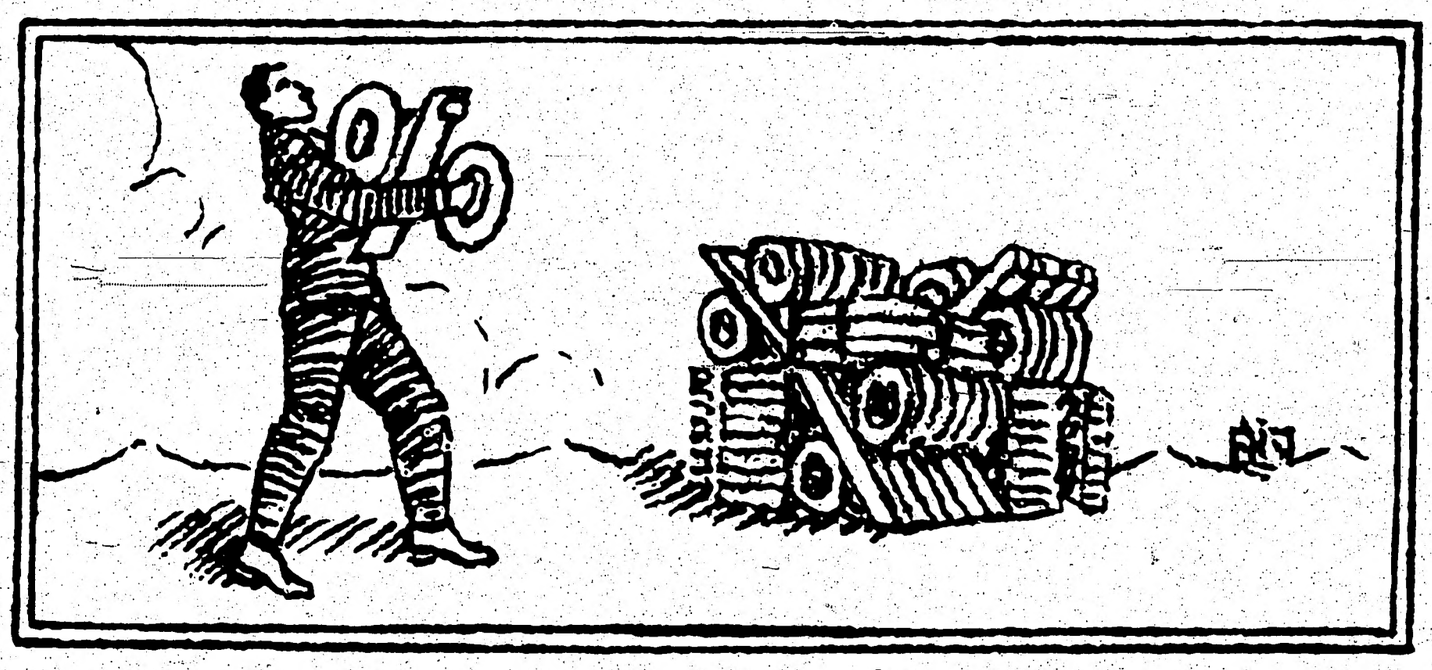

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Canada

Christie outlines dangers of restricting free speech

By
BRAM EISENTHAL

MONTREAL —
He strode into the packed moot court, joked about having fruits thrown at him, and warned people not to block the exits in case he had to make a run for it.

Lawyer Doug Christie then took up the cause of civil liberation, telling students of McGill University's law school why freedom of expression was such a fundamental component of society and why he felt this freedom has been threatened to the detriment of all.

Christie's clients include teachers Jim Keegstra and Malcolm Ross and publisher Ernst Zundel, who espouse the existence of a world Zionist conspiracy and that the Holocaust was a hoax perpetuated by the Jews to gain financial restitution from Germany after the war.

Henry Mizrahi, the fourth-year law student who introduced Christie prior to his talk, told The CJN the decision to invite Christie was made by the Forum National executive, not the law faculty. Forum National, he said, is a student-run organization designed to stimulate debate on controversial issues. Christie's appearance was not publicized.

"They approached me asking whether I could suggest anyone who could be invited to address the students on either freedom of expression or war crimes." (Mizrahi has worked as a legal researcher with Canadian Jewish Congress and has written extensive memos on war crimes in Canada.)

"I suggested they send an invitation to Mr. Christie." The lawyer has his office in Victoria, B.C.

Christie began his talk by discussing what he perceives are dangers to fundamental rights.

"I believe the real danger is that freedom of speech can be eroded when we attack those whose beliefs we don't like," he said.

"What troubles me about recent Supreme Court developments (in December, the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the validity of the country's anti-hate laws, in a landmark 4-3 decision, placing a 'reasonable limit' on freedom of speech in a just society) . . . (is that they) amount to saying, 'If I don't like your opinion, you have no right to speak.' "

He warned that when a person can't express his beliefs, he invariably chooses between "silence or violence...they don't stay silent forever.

"No one has a monopoly on truth," Christie said. "I believe that we must practise tolerance, not just teach it."

He gave an example of a man yelling "fire" in a crowded theatre, with the possibility of physical harm occurring by his action, as people rushed for the exits. "If that person shouted 'fire,' honestly believing that to be so (and it wasn't in fact so) should he be convicted for it? I say no.

"If we do believe in democracy, we have a duty to recognize the God-given right to believe or disbelieve, agree or disagree."

Speaking of laws enacted to limit the spread of hate, Christie gave the example of pre-war Germany to prove that such laws aren't always effective. "In pre-Nazi Germany, there were laws that prohibited hate and they had absolutely no effect," he said, adding that "these same laws can be used in ways people do not like."

Speaking of the Supreme Court justices who ruled on the validity of the anti-hate laws, Christie questioned their values. "By what value system did he (Chief Justice Brian Dickson) say that Salman Rushdie's *Satanic Verses* should not have been held up (at the Canadian border), but *Did Six Million Really Die* (Toronto publisher Zundel's booklet) should be held up?

"Maybe a justice's beliefs should be questioned, prior to his becoming a chief justice, if we believe in democracy . . . before they impose their values on society. I question whether judges should have the authority to define these things in ways which suit themselves."

Asked by a student if he believes six million Jews died in the Holocaust, Christie replied: "I have no firmly fixed opinion and I think the matter is open to discussion," stressing that he was not a historian.

"Do you belong to any white supremacist parties, or share in the views of these groups?" another asked. "No and I don't have any of those beliefs," was Christie's reply.

More students questioned Christie's views on freedom of expression. Only a few were supportive, while the majority took a tough stance, wanting to know how Christie could argue for not placing limits on expression in society, no matter what the effect of that expression.

"How can you make the statement, as an intelligent man, that words can have no effect?" asked one.

"I didn't. I said that they shouldn't have any criminal consequence," explained Christie.

But he had no explanation for one student in particular, after he had spoken of something Adolf Hitler had once said. "How come you know so much about what he (Hitler) said and so little about what he did?" asked the student.

Christie had earlier acknowledged studying the Holocaust in preparation for trials. He would not comment. By this time, he was slightly flustered and red-faced, rolling his eyes at questions he didn't like, cutting off one student who was adversarial and implying that he was being verbally assaulted.

Several times, he checked to ensure that a tape recorder was functioning by his side.

Atlas' condition slowly improving

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The condition of Alison Atlas, the Maryland student whose battle against cancer touched the hearts of Jews in North America, Europe and Israel, is now relatively stable.

Alison Atlas

Atlas received a bone marrow transplant from her mother last fall. Although it was not a perfect match, Alison's condition had deteriorated so seriously, that the family decided to take the chance on less-than-perfect conditions.

Ann Beringer, media relations assistant at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, where Atlas underwent the transplant, told The CJN that she is slowly getting better, and the hospital is working towards the time when she can return to her Bethesda home.

Beringer said that Atlas is suffering from GVH disease, Graft versus Host disease, a common complication of bone marrow transplants.

She explained that the new bone marrow sees the patient's body as a foreign object, and produces antibodies against it.

Beringer said that while Atlas, now 21, was very ill with GVH disease at first, she is now considered stable, due to extensive steroid therapy.

Clinics to find a compatible donor were held in Toronto, Montreal, and Winnipeg, among other cities. Organizers of those clinics have used the expertise they gained from helping Atlas to assist other youngsters who needed transplants.

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Heritage language use strengthened by bill

By
RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

Two bills, one aimed at improving race relations and the other at preserving Canada's heritage languages, received royal assent here last week.

That means Canada is one step closer to seeing the birth of the much-touted Canadian Race Relations Foundation and the Canadian Heritage Languages Institute.

The Canadian Heritage Languages Institute, to be headquartered in Edmonton, will promote the use of languages other than English and French, Len Westerberg, an aide to federal multiculturalism minister Gerry Weiner, told The CJN.

The institute will not be a school. It will foster the use and preservation of heritage languages, including Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino, and develop national teacher training and materials, Westerberg said.

Ottawa has earmarked $500,000 a year for five years in operating expenses and $800,000 annually for five years in endowments for the institute.

Last year, Canadian Jewish Congress welcomed the creation of the institute, but said Ottawa should reinstate funding for the direct teaching of heritage languages.

Last February's federal budget slashed $46 million over two years from the multiculturalism ministry, and cancelled the $500,000 heritage language program, which eliminated the teaching of Hebrew and Yiddish to almost 23,000 children in Jewish schools.

At the time of the cuts, CJC and other groups said Ottawa cannot commit funds for the preservation of heritage languages, while at the same time, cut subsidies for the teaching of those languages.

But Westerberg said the cuts amounted to "peanuts ... an average $30 per pupil per year."

Nevertheless, Jewish day and supplementary schools across Canada had to hike tuitions to offset the shortfall.

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation, to be located in Toronto, was announced by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in September, 1988 as part of his government's redress package to Japanese-Canadians, who were compensated for confiscation of property and incarceration by Canada during the Second World War.

The foundation will receive a $24 million endowment from Ottawa once it begins operations and sets up a board of about 20 directors. Half that amount will be donated by the government on behalf of Japanese Canadians as part of the redress agreement.

The foundation will serve as a clearing house and resource centre for community groups, researchers and the general public to further understanding of racism and racial prejudice in Canada, the ministry says.

But it will not be a quasi-judicial body. It will not overlap or compete with the Canadian Human Rights Commission or any similar provincial body.

The ministry says the foundation's goals are to:

- carry out research on racism and racial discrimination.
- publish information and research findings for scholars, organizations, government bodies and individuals.
- establish and maintain a national collection of materials, to be made accessible to groups and the public.
- co-operate with business, labor and public institutions in implementing programs and activities which aim to eradicate racial prejudice.
- expand Canadian knowledge and expertise in the race relations field.
- help define policies to eliminate racism.

The foundation will be a registered charity and its work will be evaluated by the minister of multiculturalism.

Complaints filed against Alberta white supremacists

By
PAUL LUNGEN

CALGARY —

The Alberta Human Rights Commission is considering five complaints arising out of a white supremacist rally near Provost, Alta. on Sept. 8.

The complaints were launched recently under the province's Individual Rights Protection Act and claim that the display of "whites only" signs and use of anti-Jewish slogans discriminated against groups set out in the statute, said Riki Heilik, director of community relations for the Calgary Jewish Community Council (CJCC).

Named in the complaints are the Church of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations; Terry Long, Canadian head of the Aryan Nations; and Ray Bradley, leader of Brotherhood of the Regular People.

Bradley hosted the rally on his farm near Provost. About 30 white supremacists dressed in Ku Klux Klan robes and Nazi-like uniforms reportedly attended the high profile rally. News reports indicate the proceedings included the burning of a cross as participants shouted "Death to the Jews."

One of those registering a complaint, Hal Joffee, co-chairman of community relations for CJCC, said he "want(s) to publicly raise the issue of discrimination foisted on the Alberta public by this group."

Another complainant is former journalist Keith Rutherford, an Alberta resident who lost the sight in one eye last April when he was attacked by self-professed followers of Terry Long. They told him they were taking revenge over his exposure of a suspected war criminal in Winnipeg in 1960.

Rutherford was quoted as saying he was upset by the racist messages fomented at the Provost rally. "I found that very disturbing and repugnant that we should have people in our society who are allowed to do such things," he said. "Yelling 'Death to the Jews' is really genocide, as I see it."

Heilik said a third complainant is businessman Jack Downey, a "colorful local character." In 1985, when Eckville school teacher Jim Keegstra stood trial for promoting hatred against Jews, Downey, a veteran, arranged with Canadian army friends for two Eckville teens to tour German concentration camps.

Heilik said she believed the complaints may have been prompted in part by a community rally held on Dec. 10. Twelve groups were involved in organizing the rally, including the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, the Calgary police, CJCC and a group known as Citizens Against Racial and Religious Discrimination (CARRD).

Heilik said the rally was held as a show of solidarity against white supremacists and speakers discussed how individuals could organize to counter racial and religious harassment.

Joffee, who spoke at the solidarity rally, suggested that one course of action was a complaint to the Human Rights Commission.

The commission has reportedly appointed an investigator in an attempt to negotiate a resolution to the matter. The investigator could recommend a letter of apology or order monetary compensation. If that fails, the commission or the province's labor minister can appoint a board of inquiry to look into the matter.

Joffee said he was "quite willing to drop (his) complaint if they promised not to do it again. But I'm not holding my breath waiting for that to happen."

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Gulf War

Horrors from the past ends survivor's future

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

Joseph Holstein is one of the unreported casualties of the war.

Until Jan. 18, the 59-year-old Israeli led a full life as a teacher, a guidance counsellor, and a rabbi. An outstanding educator, he was the kind of man who could lead a wayward youngster back onto a productive path — and did so time and time again.

Holstein also had six children of his own — he had insisted on having at least four in order to "make up for what was destroyed." The members of his own family, with the exception of one sister, had been killed by the Nazis.

The Holsteins had narrowly missed a chance to sail to Palestine in the late '30s. Instead, the German-born family ended up in Holland. There they endured the bombardment of Rotterdam and Utrecht, fleeing from one bombed out building to another until finally they found themselves in Bergen Belsen concentration camp.

There Holstein was bar-mitzvahed. There, too, Holstein, on the instructions of the Chief Rabbi of Amsterdam, put 15 minutes aside to sit shiva for his father.

Towards the end of the war, Holstein, his surviving brother and sister were packed onto a death train, which the Germans were forced to abandon at the last minute. The three survived, eating the bits of egg shells they found in a field.

The day they were liberated, Holstein and his brother contracted typhus. When he regained consciousness, he was told that to prevent the spread of the epidemic, the family photographs he had safeguarded until then had to be burned. He was also told that his brother had died.

Holstein went about rebuilding his life. In the United States, where he found refuge, he married Judy (nee Norden), an English-born nurse who had grown up in Oshawa, Ont., where her father, Martin Norden, served as the community's rabbi. The couple moved to Israel in the late '60s — some 30 years after his first failed attempt to find refuge there.

Until January of this year, Holstein had a healthy attitude about his past, says his wife Judy. "He would talk freely about the Holocaust when he was asked to, but he was not obsessed by it."

But in January, things changed. The memories came rushing back. Holstein began stocking up on food. "One day he brought home a huge sack of potatoes," Judy recalls.

On the week of the 15th, he started sealing a room in the house, as all Israelis were instructed to do by the Civil Defence. "He spent days doing it. He worked frantically. Every time he'd finish, he'd find another hole, another crack. Nothing was good enough."

As the 15th approached, he began getting increasingly nervous. When the first siren sounded on the night of Thursday, Jan. 17, he told his wife that images of Utrecht kept fleeting through his mind: sealing the windows of their fourth floor apartment, racing down to the first floor in case they had to flee a bombed building, running through the streets, taking turns carrying his little sister.

When the all-clear siren sounded, Holstein could not fall back to sleep. He lay awake all night. By Friday, the 18th, he was exhausted.

A half-hour after he finally fell asleep that evening, the air-raid siren sounded again. Judy woke him to put on his gas mask. She saw he was upset. She told him to stay in bed, that their son, Shmuel, could seal the door.

But Holstein insisted on getting up and doing it himself. As he did, he turned to her and, through his gas mask, said simply: "I can't bear it any more." Seconds later, Holstein, who had heart surgery six years earlier, stopped breathing. The doctors could not revive him.

The Scud missile that fell on the night of Jan. 18 injured scores of Israelis. It did not even scratch Joe Holstein's Jerusalem home. But it killed him all the same.

THROUGH A DOLL'S EYES

A reminder of happier days in Tel Aviv is this doll that escaped unscathed from a recent Scud attack on the city.

Missile attacks cause trauma

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pared to an average of about 60 a month the rest of the year.

Litman notes that many of the people now seeking help have had little problem dealing with the Holocaust in the past. In fact, he points to surveys which show that some 85 per cent of survivors do not need psychological help — under ordinary circumstances.

"Most of them are normal, successful citizens. They have built careers, had families and made new lives for themselves," he says. "But, in these extraordinary circumstances, all the memories that they were able to repress until now come bursting forth."

One population believed to contain a large number of Holocaust survivors is Israel's rapidly growing Soviet immigrant community. Litman describes one new immigrant who recently began treatment.

"Since the start of the war, this woman can't sleep. She lies awake all night reliving her escape from the Riga ghetto, in which she had to make her way across a two-kilometre field of human corpses."

Litman fears that there are hundreds, maybe thousands more like her, who have not yet sought help, either because they don't know it's available or because they are too busy with the day-to-day business of survival to face their painful pasts.

In fact, he says, this is probably the case for most Holocaust survivors. "I think the problems we're seeing now represent only the tip of the iceberg. Most survivors are too preoccupied with sealing their homes, stocking up on food, and donning gas masks to stop and think. As long as they are active they can fend off the thoughts that would otherwise haunt them. But after the war, I think the floodgates are going to open," he warns.

It is then, when most Israelis are breathing a collective sigh of relief, that the battle of most Holocaust survivors will just be beginning.

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Post-war speculations

As the world waits for the next phase of the Gulf War, claims and counterclaims of damages to Iraq's war machine are becoming repetitious. What is clear, however, is that the ground war has been delayed for both military and political reasons. The allied commanders are unwilling to throw troops against Saddam's forces until the air bombardment has had maximum effect. And, as U.S. Secretary of State Dick Cheney stated on his return from the Gulf this weekend, the positions of the leaders of other coalition countries will be taken into account.

With the air war settling into a familiar pattern, the focus of attention has shifted to the diplomatic front. A number of heads of government and foreign ministers, including Canada's own, have begun to float plans for the post-war period. These include international conferences, mediation efforts and peace-keeping exercises that presumably will resolve the many ills and conflicts of the Gulf region and the entire Middle East.

Central to these schemes is a resolution of the conflict between Israel and its neighbors and what is delicately referred to as "the Palestinian question."

Governments would be derelict in their duty if, even as they prosecute war, they do not plan for peace. But as they do so, they should consider these facts:

- After four weeks of intensive bombing by the most powerful military force in the world and its technologically-advanced allies, Saddam's war machine is still, by best estimates, 80 per cent intact.
- That war machine was built by the Soviets and — either directly or indirectly — by Western governments.
- Combined with the forces of Syria (a member of the coalition but an avowed foe of Israel), Jordan (officially neutral, but tilting very far towards Iraq) and Iran (again, neutral, but trying hard to become a major player in the region), that war machine could prove formidable if unleashed on a small country like Israel.
- And finally, it is Dizengoff Street that is under attack by Scud missiles — not Pennsylvania Avenue or Sussex Drive.

As PLO leader Yasser Arafat's embrace of Saddam demonstrates, any lasting peace in the Middle East cannot be built only on expressions of good faith by Israel's Arab enemies, or even on guarantees of support by its friends several thousand miles away.

A comprehensive peace must give Israel the physical security it needs to protect itself.

Rectifying the past

After the Second World War the government of West Germany, in an attempt to rectify some of the sins of its Nazi predecessor state, restored property confiscated from Jews in the part of Germany under Bonn's control.

The West German government, accepting responsibility for the injustices which followed the Nazi occupation of adjacent land, also paid financial compensation for Jewish-owned properties in East Germany and in former German lands that were ceded to Poland and Czechoslovakia because their governments recognized no obligation towards Jewish appellants.

Now four months after reunification, Germany has begun a meritorious process to restore to their former owners (who are in most cases Jews) private dwellings, shops and factories that were nationalized by the East German regime after 1945. People whose properties are restored will, of course, have to pay back any financial compensation received before they can repossess their property.

And what of Jewish institutions such as synagogues, cemeteries, community centres and schools — for which no personal heirs can be found?

Karl Brozik, the Frankfurt director of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, indicates that his organization will be filing claims for those kind of community assets that served the religious and cultural needs of that segment of German Jewry that resided in what became, after the war, East Germany.

Canadian Jews who lived at one time in East Germany should begin processing claims for the restoration of property assets immediately.

It is reassuring to learn that the government of the new Germany is willing to play an active role in rectifying, however imperfectly, the odious record of the Nazis towards German Jews. The property restoration program is a small but significant step which Bonn is making in the interest of history and justice.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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TWO SEPARATE PLANS

In the Educational Supplement (CJN Jan. 24) there was some confusion regarding two separate plans that Bialik Hebrew Day School contemplates. We would like to offer the following explanations and corrections:

(a) Bialik is planning to add another wing to its present structure. This wing will hold a multi-purpose area for grades 6-8, a resource centre with a library, media and computer centres and two floors of classrooms. Pending on the viability of funds, we hope to have it in operation by September of 1992.

(b) Bialik is investigating the possibility and probability of opening a north branch. The school is now in the process of submitting its request for land acquisition in the Vaughan area to a special committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

Dr. Uri Korin
Principal
Toronto

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NOW BELIEVES IN ISRAEL

I must begin by stating that I am a strong believer in peace. This intense belief had led me to criticize both the Israeli government and its policies. I had gone so far that I refused to visit Israel until talks of resolution had begun.

Despite my Jewish upbringing, my many years at Hebrew school and even despite being bar mitzvahed on Masada I was still able to feel anger towards Israel. This naturally caused many arguments within my family; they too were unable to alter my views. I felt that the conflicts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip were being dealt with improperly. I thought that if we tried. . . .

At approximately 7:30 EST on Thursday, Jan. 17 Saddam Hussein proved me wrong.

As I stood working at my part-time job I heard over the radio that missiles had landed in Tel Aviv. This news evoked an indescribable feeling of fear from somewhere deep within. My heart ached and a tear came to my eye, and I remembered what Israel is to me, what Israel is to anyone who is Jewish.

I now long to visit my homeland as soon as I can, to catch up on those missed summers and the forgotten heritage and most of all to apologize to Israel herself for ever doubting what she stood for.

To all of my relatives and all of our people in Israel I wish peace and security, and I will see you "Next year in Jerusalem." Shalom!

Kevin Rachman
Toronto

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DID NOT DESERT ISRAEL

In her letter Dina Bookman of Montreal (CJN Jan 31) fails to understand that the return of some young Canadians from Israel prior to the outbreak of war in the Gulf was not a desertion of Israel, but rather an answer to a call by their concerned parents for their children to be near them in time of danger. (Indeed, many of these young people have already made arrangements to return to their respective study programs in Israel, although the danger of Scud missile attacks on Israel's cities has not yet passed).

Ms. Bookman conveniently did not address the phenomenon of several thousand Tel Aviv residents who abandoned their city for kibbutz guest houses and hotels in Jerusalem and Eilat or of the not insignificant number of Israelis who left the country just prior to the outbreak of hostilities.

Although aliya to Israel from North America is horribly low, one must still appreciate and cherish the strong ties and interdependent relationship linking the Diaspora to the Jewish homeland.

One wonders what prompted Ben Wicks' letter (CJN Jan. 31) warning of anti-Arab "racism." Has he recorded or does he expect demonstrations of bigotry from the Canadian Jewish community? It would be wonderful if all ethnic groups in this country demonstrated as much patience, tolerance, understanding, and generosity toward others as has the Jewish community of Canada.

Finally, one notes that under M. K. Amnon Rubenstein's oped article, it reads that this member of Knesset " is head of the left wing Shinui Knesset faction." Politically, Shinui falls between the Labor Alliance ("Maarach") and the right of centre ruling Likud party. Prof. Rubenstein, who is a small "l" liberal professor of law from Tel Aviv University, has never identified with Israel's left wing parties.

Shimon Arbel
Toronto

Ed. Note: The identification of Prof. Rubenstein was provided by the Jerusalem Post with the original article.

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POSITION ON GULF WAR

It disturbs us to see our political position on the war in the Gulf misrepresented (CJN, Letters, Jan. 24). We do, indeed, condemn the invasion of Kuwait. We do lay blame for the history of unrest in the Middle East on the uncompromising stance of respective Israeli governments opposed to negotiations for the creation of a Palestinian state.

That Saddam Hussein tried to exploit their misery and make their cause his own is lamentable. And, yes, we squarely lay blame for the current war on the precipitous action of the United States, who were in too much of a hurry to begin their "New World Order" based on "surgical strikes."

Even after the war is over, the ongoing problems remain. Who will determine the justice of Saddam Hussein's claims regarding Kuwaiti overproduction of oil and drilling into Iraqi oilfields? Who will keep the peace? When will the standing issue of

Saddam Hussein

a Palestinian state be resolved and by whom? Or that of the Kurds for that matter? Or the claims of Turkey on Iraqi oilfields?

War does not solve problems; it only creates new ones. We are firmly opposed to this war and encourage Jews who look forward to a true, just and lasting peace in the Middle East to join us in this opposition.

Sol Hermolin
for United Jewish People Order
Toronto Section
Lyba Spring
for Jews for a Just Peace

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CROSS COUNTRY NEEDS CHECKUP

We have listened to Cross Country Checkup off-and-on for a good number of years now, and have always thought it was somewhat amazing. Lately it has become more and more so. The broadcast on the Gulf War Jan. 20 was truly amazing:

In three hours of repeated tries none of my friends, nor I were able to contact it.

It was amazing that, despite what the polls tell us about the support for the war, from all over the United States and Canada, only one or two callers expressed any support for it.

It was also amazing that all pro-Palestinians seemed compelled to start by telling us (in those exact words) how "sick at heart" they felt, and that most of the pacifists also used common language, and that these two groups made up 98 per cent of all the callers.

We thought the program was supposed to be unrehearsed and reflect all opinions.

We now feel they could use a better script-writer, and a better cast.

Lea and Isadore (Yitzhak) Kalin
Ottawa

What's going on back home?

I am appealing to the paper to send a rescue team to liberate me, because I wanna go home. I am homesick. I miss my weekly visit to the paper and seeing the intelligent faces of the staff.

J. B. Salsberg

I want to be liberated because here the TV gives you only the war and it's very one-sided. I mean one-sided in the sense of America is doing everything. What about the Canadians? We have ships in the Gulf, it's costing us money. All I get here is America, America, America.

I think somebody on our paper should bring it to the attention of our prime minister. I'd like to see him get some credit on behalf of Canada. All you see is the war, and the pictures of the war, and the heroism of the Americans.

I think it would be wonderful to be at home to see our evening TV report and see the Canadian flag in the Gulf. Here I don't see a picture of a Canadian participant, day or night. They are ungrateful to the Canadians.

Come and rescue me.

name game

BARER — BORER — KALPIN

Here are two names which are identical except for the first vowel, which accounts for a significant difference in origin and meaning.

BARER is an acronym for Ben Reb Reuben — the son of the worthy Reuben.

BORER is the Hebrew word for elector.

A BORER was chosen to represent a constituency in the Kahal — the organization of the Jewish community in Eastern Europe — to vote as an elector of the officials of the Kahal, such as the Parness (the president), the Dayan (the judge), the Ne'eman or Kassirer (the Treasurer).

Those who are familiar with Yiddish will recognize that "breira" (option or choice) comes from the same root as BORER.

KALPA (KAPLIN, in plural) is the ballot which was cast by the elector.

Rabbi Schach's views debated throughout history

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

At the end of 1990, Associated Press reported from Jerusalem that Rabbi Eliezer Schach had, in a radio address, re-affirmed that in his opinion, the Holocaust and all that it implied had been God's visitation upon Israel. Rabbi Schach, the acknowledged spiritual mentor of Israel's ultra-Orthodox faction, who is considered Israel's most influential political personality, was quoted to have said:

Rabbi Plaut

"The Almighty keeps a balance sheet of the world and, when sins become too many, he brings destruction. The last time he brought destruction it was the Holocaust."

Put in another way, what the rabbi said was that Hitler and his murderous hordes were in reality carrying out God's judgment on Israel.

Reaction from Holocaust survivors was swift and strong and they flooded the radio station. Menachem Russak, a survivor of Auschwitz and a former commander of the Israeli police unit investigating Nazi war crimes, said that the rabbi "shamed and humiliated" millions of Holocaust victims, because he "not only exonerated the Nazi murderers, but turned them into messengers of God who were sent to punish the people of Israel for not observing the Torah" (Rabbi Schach had specifically mentioned that the chief crimes for which Jews were punished were the violation of the Sabbath and the eating of pork.) Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz called the rabbi's statement "wicked and stupid."

However, a significant percentage of those who called the radio station supported his view — and in fact such support can be found also in North America. For the basic theology which underlies his remarks has historical precedents.

Time and time again, the prophets, from Isaiah to Malachi, exhorted the people to observe God's commandments, for otherwise they would be subject to terrible punishment. The Torah itself, in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, uses the most frightening terms while repeating that very same theme. The misfortunes that would befall Israel would be God's visitations upon a sinful people.

I am not defending Rabbi Schach's views — my view of God differs from his — but what I do say is that people of stature and wisdom before him have propounded similar beliefs. They found no other way of explaining why, for centuries on end, God's people found themselves in such horrible distress. God must have willed it, they reasoned — for how else could one explain it? Rabbi Schach, much as one may dislike or even abhor his conclusions, stands in that tradition.

However, other traditional teachers, such as the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, take a different view. He said: "Heaven forbid to say that the Jews warranted such tragedies because of their conduct and what happened transpired as punishment for their sins. No scales of judgment could ever condemn a people to such horrors. On the contrary, each person who died in the Holocaust is a holy martyr. . . ."

During the last generation, many scholars have grappled the problem of God's relation to the Holocaust. Some came to the conclusion that "God was dead," for, they said, no all-powerful, benevolent deity would have permitted such events to have happened.

Others tried to shore up their continued belief in God by holding that He had (using a biblical image) "withdrawn" from the world because He found humanity not responding to His presence, and that therefore the atrocities which were perpetrated were human, and not divine in origin.

Among the best writers on the subject are Rabbis Emil Fackenheim, Eliezer Berkovits, and Ignaz Maybaum. They will give you further insights into the question of how one can maintain one's belief in God in the face of horrible happenings like the Holocaust.

Readers who are interested in my own views will find them in my book, The Case for the Chosen People, published 25 years ago by Doubleday.

Jews, Vatican heading towards 1992

Spain's Isabella may re-open old wounds

By
ARNOLD AGES

While the Jewish community worldwide is preparing a series of cultural and religious events to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, the Roman Catholic Church is currently examining another way of signalling the importance of the epochal date of 1492.

Arnold Ages

The Vatican is considering elevating Queen Isabella to sainthood as a symbol of 500 years of Christianity in the Americas. Although the year 1992 has been given as an appropriate target date, a Vatican spokesman has indicated that "there is no special desire to complete it" by then.

The possibility that a queen remembered in Jewish history as an instrument of tyranny and repression — Isabella and her husband Ferdinand II were responsible both for the Inquisition and the expulsion of the Jews from Spain — would be considered as a candidate for sainthood has understandably raised the hackles of some members of the Jewish community. Even a few Muslim spokesmen have joined the chorus of criticism.

They find most disquieting the argument presented by an Argentine-born priest, Anastasius Gutierrez, who claims in his brief to the Vatican that Isabella, "one of the greatest women in history," is deserving of sainthood because of her contribution to unifying Spain and spreading Catholicism to the New World.

Rev. Gutierrez, who represents the diocese of Valladolid in Spain, near the site of Isabella's death in 1504, indicates that he has received the support of many Latin American countries in his bid for Isabella's canonization. He has not, of course, tallied up the cost in human suffering which that unification procedure entailed for the Jewish and Muslim residents of Spain during that period.

That and other uncongenial features of Isabella's career have been alluded to by Samuel Toledano, head of the Spanish Jewish communities. He calls Isabella "a symbol of intolerance" and argues that consideration of sainthood for her "would reopen old wounds that we thought were closed forever."

Toledano has been joined in his criticism of the Vatican deliberations by some British Jews and by Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, who indicates that the Vatican "should not place an obstacle in the path of dialogue," because Isabella's reign destroyed "a unique example of fruitful co-operation among Jews, Muslims and Christians." A move towards the beatification of Isabella, added Zevi "would only encourage extremists."

On the levels of history, politics and sociology the Jewish critics of the proposed sainthood for Isabella are correct in their apprehensions and are rightfully entitled to voice their dissent. The dislocations and sufferings of Jews caused by Isabella's Inquisition and the expulsion order were horrendous. In contrast to the Church's discussion about Isabella's proposed sainthood, the Spanish government has chosen to commemorate 1492 by awarding to the world's 700,000 Sephardic Jews its prestigious Concord Prize. Moreover, Madrid is also organizing a number of commemorative projects for 1992 — books, exhibitions and even a translators' school to help in the rendering of medieval texts. It should also be noted that early in 1990 the Spanish government put Judaism on the same official level as Catholicism.

There is, however, in the Isabella nomination for sainthood a dimension which, while rooted in history, goes beyond the temporal. For the Roman Catholic Church this is primarily a theological issue which involves religious mechanisms which that Church has activated many times in the past.

It seems inappropriate, therefore, for Jewish spokesmen, however well intentioned, to intrude into what is essentially an internal Catholic religious issue. It may be difficult for Jews to have to step aside on this question but respect for the integrity of other peoples' religious beliefs, however controversial, demands non-interference in theological matters.

While Judaism contains no doctrinal parallels similar to the sainthood idea, there is a principle here which has to be upheld. Judaism has suffered much in the past from the unwarranted invasion of our theological precincts by Christians who have sought to "correct" our view of the universe.

Today Jews would react negatively and justifiably so, to Christians who might try to criticize or influence aspects of halachic decision-making or other religious developments within the tradition. Consistency of principle requires Jews therefore to refrain from criticizing theological speculation in the domain of others.

This admittedly is very difficult because so often in the past, aspects of Christian theology have directly touched upon the lives of Jews. Be that as it may, Jews should not (save in the exceptional circumstance in which they are invited to do so, as in 1964 during the Vatican II deliberations) comment on the internal theological workings of the Roman Catholic Church.

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Gulf War reveals cultural battle between left, right

By
HENRY SREBRNIK

Politically, the most far-reaching effect of the war in the Persian Gulf may be its impact on North American society for years to come. Since the 1960s, a *kulturkampf* (cultural war) has raged between left and right in countries such as Canada and the United States. Domestically, it has revolved around issues such as affirmative action, multiculturalism, and the nature of our economic systems.

In relation to foreign policy, the main conflict was between those who have viewed global politics as a struggle between Western capitalism and its economic and political enemies, especially Communist and other non-democratic, anti-western states, and those who think we ought to sympathize with, indeed support, Third World struggles against "Western imperialism."

The battle may now be coming to a head. As soon as war began, the lines were sharply drawn between the supporters of two very different paradigms of war: "Vietnam" and "the Second World War."

The peace camp sees every war fought by Western countries in regions such as the Middle East as the continuation of a legacy of racism and imperialism against the Third World, demonstrated 25 years ago in Vietnam, and since then in many other places, such as Panama and Grenada. Interested only in exploiting resources such as oil, America and its allies fight to prop up feudal regimes, and oppose by force any attempt to upset the status quo. To shed blood for such mercenary aims is immoral.

The other camp sees the current conflict in terms of stopping aggression on the part of a regional bully who threatens peace in the entire region, in much the same way as did Hitler. I would suggest that the Second World War scenario provides a better analogy to the current conflict.

Of course, Iraq is no Nazi Germany, in terms of military power, and in that sense comparisons of Saddam Hussein with Adolf Hitler are farfetched. But are the political and ideological differences really that great, especially when it comes to his almost pathological hatred of Jews? (Nor is he the first Iraqi to embrace such attitudes. It should be recalled that a pro-Axis regime was briefly installed in Iraq in 1941 and a pogrom against Baghdadi Jews launched — long before Israel was created.) In a sense Saddam is correct when he links his desire to destroy Israel with his conquest of Kuwait — both emanate from the desire to create a mighty new Arab state. Hitler, too, linked his "war" against Jewry with his destruction of weak states such as Poland, in order to create a "new order" in Europe. Both men, in other words, blamed the Jews for the ills of their respective regions and used this animosity to justify their prosecution of wars and their conquests of small countries.

There are also remarkable parallels in how western democracies reacted in the 1930s and 1980s to this aggression. Nazi Germany was allowed to build a mighty war machine, since many, in their fear of Soviet communism, saw Hitler as the "lesser evil." So, too, did Iraq benefit from Western aid during its eight-year war with Iran. In both instances, arms were provided, and people looked the other way as human rights were violated and atrocities committed against domestic minorities — in one case, the Jews, in the other, the Kurds.

In 1939, as in 1990, the West was far from eager to fight. A decade of pacifism, defeatism and appeasement had taken its toll: Oxford University students in one famous case announced they would not fight for their country, while numerous commentators noted that Germany had been humiliated in the harsh Versailles peace treaty imposed after the First World War and had legitimate grievances against its neighbors. Isolationists argued that Czechoslovakia was, as Neville Chamberlain himself stated, "a faraway country," while Poland was not even a democracy. In the United States, such people kept America out of the war until the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. It was argued that war would, as usual, benefit only profiteers, "munitions kings" and other "merchants of death." Opponents of war asserted that Britain and France had more subject peoples in their own empires, in Africa and Asia, then did Hitler in his. (On the far right, of course, anti-Semites and fascist sympathizers, less discreet, called it a "Jews' war.")

Like Saddam, Hitler thought the West wouldn't have the stomach to fight. (Sanctions were never applied against Germany, though they were used against Italy after Mussolini's conquest of Ethiopia — and they proved ineffectual.) And indeed, even after Germany conquered Poland, a nine-month "phony war" followed, which saw Britain and France sitting behind the Maginot Line, looking for ways to persuade Hitler to retreat without a fight. In fact, unlike in 1991, when it was the U.S.-led coalition which finally attacked Iraq, in 1940 it was Hitler who initiated renewed hostilities, conquering France and the Low Countries in a matter of weeks.

Does all this sound familiar? Then, too, for many, a moral relativism made it difficult to stand up to aggression. Numerous rationales against war were offered by those who simply didn't feel Hitler was all that bad or that eliminating Nazism was worth a war. The fate of European Jewry (and other oppressed peoples under totalitarian Nazi rule) was apparently of less concern.

Today's peace movement is an amorphous body composed of various groups, with different aims and programs. Many who oppose the war are simply hostile to America and its foreign policy, anywhere and everywhere. Not all of them are antagonistic to Israel. Yet how can we ignore the fact that, for at least two decades, anti-Zionism and an overriding concern with Palestinian statelessness has been a pervasive force on the left and has informed much of its world view?

At the moment this hostility is muted — especially when the aim is to mobilize anxious and concerned people frightened by the conflict — but has it really disappeared? How else can we account for the incredible indifference to the long-term security of Israel — which, unlike the United States, can't "go home?" Do the anti-war groups not believe Iraq when it states it wants to eliminate the Jewish state? Or do they think Saddam would be satisfied with the establishment of a mini-Palestinian state? If so, they certainly have more faith than I do.

Many of today's pacifists are quite selective in their opposition to war. Would they, for example, oppose a military solution resulting in the removal of the apartheid regime in South Africa, or one of the many right-wing dictatorships around the world? I would venture to guess the answer for many would be no. So is it just Jewish ultra-sensitivity that leads me to discern in the slogan "no blood for oil," the subtext, "no blood for Jews?"

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Features

Israel's often tense relations with EC easing up

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Thanks to Iraqi aggression, Isreal is reaping political rewards in Western Europe.

Israel's often tense relationship with the 12 member countries of the European Community (EC) has eased up as a result of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the spectre of Iraqi Scuds falling on Israeli cities.

This development parallels an improvement in relations between Israel and its chief benefactor, the United States.

Last month, the EC lifted sanctions imposed on Israel a year ago in the field of scientific co-operation.

The sanctions, the result of EC displeasure with Israel's handling of the intifada and its policies in the territories, were cancelled after Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy, in his first trip abroad, visited EC headquarters in Brussels last September.

Levy's success was crowned by additional gains. The EC granted Israel a $65 million (U.S.) five-year loan. It rescheduled a previously postponed trip to Israel by the EC's external affairs commissioner. It scrubbed the idea of sending a representative to Jerusalem to monitor conditions on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

To Israel, the EC is of paramount importance, both politically and economically. In 1989, Israel opened a second embassy in Brussels to deal exclusively with EC matters — prompting the Israeli deputy foreign minister, Binjamin Netanyahu, to say: "For 20 years we concentrated our efforts in the United States and we neglected Europe."

Israeli interests in Western Europe loom large. EC member states (Britain and France) occupy two seats on the United Nations Security Council and four out of seven seats in the Group of Seven forum.

Apart from its influence at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the EC is Israel's biggest market. In 1989 the EC provided 53 per cent of Israeli imports and purchased 32 per cent of its exports, for a total turnover of about $10 billion (U.S.). "Europe," says Israeli Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, "is our principal commercial partner."

European trade very important to Israeli economy

And the EC is Israel's most promising long-term market, points out Leopold Laufer, a research fellow at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. But, he adds, the EC's determination to link economic and political issues remains intact. In the late 1980s, the EC blocked a trade protocol with Israel until Palestinian farmers in the territories were allowed to export their produce independent of Agrexco, Israel's state-owned marketing agency. Until then, Israel had a monopoly on West Bank-Gaza Strip agricultural exports. Unable to manoeuvre, Israel finally gave in to the EC.

For Israel, however, the pressure is still on. By 1993, Western Europe will be an integrated economic unit. And if the Arab-Israeli dispute is still a flashpoint, as it probably will be, the EC may not expand its "economic dialogue" with Israel, warns the Israeli ambassador to Spain, Shlomo Ben-Ami, a keen observer of the European scene.

Barring a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, this so-called "linkage" may well haunt Israeli diplomacy in western Europe for years to come.

Dependent to some degree on Arab oil, eager to cultivate Arab and Islamic markets and anxious to play a diplomatic role in the Middle East, the nations of Western Europe are somewhat beholden to the Arab world. A year after the 1973 Arab oil embargo, touched off by the Yom Kippur War, the chastened EC established closer ties with the Arabs by setting up a formal dialogue with them.

For the Arabs, the EC initiative paid off — politically and economically. Arab countries benefitted from the network of commercial ties with the EC. And on June 13, 1980, in the Venice Declaration, the EC formalized its position on Arab-Israeli issues. Among other things, the Venice Declaration calls for an end to Israel's "territorial occupation" of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, describes Israeli settlements there as "a serious obstacle to the peace process," and believes that the PLO should be "associated with" negotiations for a Middle East peace accord.

Despite repeated Israeli representations since 1980, the EC has neither amended nor abolished the Venice Declaration.

Since successive Likud governments have shown no inclination for territorial compromise nor an interest in dealing with the PLO, Israel and the EC have been on a collision course for about the past decade. This state of affairs was exacerbated by two major events — the 1982 Lebanon War and the Palestinian uprising in the territories.

In the aftermath of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, the EC took a couple of major steps against Israel. It stopped a $53 million (U.S.) loan and placed an embargo on military sales.

The intifada, which has yet to subside, has proven to be more problematical for Israel-EC ties.

Within a month of its eruption, the British minister of state for foreign affairs, David Mellor, stirred up a storm when he described conditions in Gaza as "an affront to civilized values."

French President Francois Mitterrand confers with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Shortly afterward, the EC temporarily postponed ratification of three trade agreements with Israel, a delay that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir labelled as "blackmail." In March 1988, the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France passed a resolution condemning Israel for treating the Palestinians inhumanely.

Early in 1989, the EC foreign ministers launched a series of "fact-finding missions" to the Middle East with the intention of devising a solution to the perennial Arab-Israeli imbroglio. Israel regarded the EC's diplomacy warily.

Although Israel drew praise from the EC for its 1989 Palestinian election plan, Israel was disappointed by the EC's subsequent statement that Arab-Israeli negotiations be based on the principle of "land for peace," and that the PLO participate in a Mideast international peace conference. Prime Minister Shamir flew to Paris to encourage French President Francois Mitterrand to back his plan unconditionally, but Shamir returned empty-handed.

As 1989 ended, the EC called on Israel "to abandon its repressive policy in the occupied territories."

Throughout 1989, the EC expanded its relations with the PLO:

- Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, was received formally by the foreign ministers of France, Greece and Spain, although the EC refrained from recognizing the Palestinian state the PLO had proclaimed in Algiers in November 1988.
- For the first time, a ranking British government official, the minister of state for foreign affairs, met Arafat. The meeting was held in PLO headquarters in Tunis.
- France and Italy upgraded links with the PLO, while President Mitterrand met with Arafat in Paris.
- The Dutch foreign minister, for the first time, held direct discussions with Arafat.

As the intifada raged, Israel's relations with the EC continued to deteriorate, and in this respect, 1990 was generally a bad year.

- In January, the European Parliament froze scientific co-operation with Israel after accusing the Israeli government of violating the Geneva Conventions for the protection of human rights in the territories.
- In May, the EC's envoy in Jerusalem, Gwyn Morgan, suggested the EC would not negotiate new trade agreements with Israel as long as there was no end in sight to the intifada and Israel continued building or expanding settlements in the territories.
- In June, following the Rishon leZion massacre, during which seven Palestinian day laborers were killed by a deranged Jew, the European Parliament condemned Israel for the "bloody repression" of Palestinians. And it called on the EC Council "to consider and implement any measures capable of bringing international pressure to bear" on Israel until the Palestinians achieved self-determination.
- In July, the EC criticized as "lamentable" Israel's human rights record in the territories and called for a UN role in protecting the Palestinians. Prime Minister Shamir rapped the EC for "preaching morality" while selling military technology to Iraq and Libya.
- In August, Italian Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis warned in Jerusalem that the EC was unlikely to take action on Israel's request for enhanced economic co-operation with the EC without progress in the Arab-Israeli peace process.
- In October, the European Parliament blamed Israel for the Temple Mount incident, which began when Palestinians threw rocks at Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall and ended when at least 19 Palestinians were killed by Israeli police fire. Observers called the resolution the strongest condemnation of Israel ever adopted by the European Parliament.

One of the few bright spots in Israel-EC relations last year was the decision by Greece to establish full, de jure diplomatic ties with Israel. But in doing so, the Greek government simultaneously upgraded the status of the PLO's office in Athens and condemned Israel's presence in the territories.

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Israel's relationship with the EC will probably improve in the months ahead, provided Israel exercises restraint in the face of Iraqi Scud attacks and stays out of the Gulf War.

But even under these circumstances, the improved diplomatic climate may not last much beyond the end of fighting in the Middle East.

Once Iraq is defeated, the United States and its allies are widely expected to try to pacify the entire region by focusing on a still-smouldering problem — namely the Arab-Israeli dispute.

At this juncture, no one will be surprised if the EC trots out a solution along the lines of the Venice Declaration — which, in all probability, Israel will roundly reject.

Iraqi Scud strikes into Israel cause psychological anguish

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

Iraqi missle attacks on Israel have caused surprisingly little physical suffering, but very significant psychological anguish.

This is immediately evident when you enter an office building or a factory, where you are sure to see many jumpy people with pallid faces. They are clearly "under the weather" — not because of some flu bug but because of Saddam Hussein's Scuds.

Particularly hard hit are the residents of Tel Aviv and Haifa, where the missiles, for the most part, have landed. But even people in so-far-untouched parts of Israel are betraying the strain of almost nightly alerts, when they must don gas masks, seal up a previously prepared room and then wait for the all clear. Also affecting them is their concern for friends and relatives who reside in targeted areas.

Even on those rare evenings when there is no alert, Israelis find it difficult to relax because they are always waiting — consciously or unconsciously —for the air-raid sirens to begin wailing.

The accumulated strain of recent weeks certainly reduces the output of workers, as does the fact that they are determined to get home before dark (i.e. a couple of hours before missile time). That same strain creates or accentuates emotional problems as well.

There are already reports of couples who are contemplating divorce, largely because existing tensions zoomed out of control when they were forced to spend hour after hour together in a small, tension-ridden room.

The country's children seem to be holding up well, though the alarms, gas masks and dislocations must certainly disturb them. Things are a bit better for the kids now that junior and senior high schools have opened up again in most of the country, and special home-study programs created for elementary school youngsters.

While these programs are of questionable educational value, they at keep the pupils busy. Comprehensive arrangements have yet to be made for children of kindergarten and nursery school age. Some, however, are looked after in day-care centers established by companies and institutions so that their employees with young offspring can get back to work.

By any objective standard, the Gulf War has been the "easiest" conflict in which Israel has been involved. Its goal — the defeat of a mortal enemy — is being achieved, after all, without the blood of its soldiers being spilled.

Yet, psychologically, this may well be Israel's most trying war because those primarily threatened are women, children and old people. Thus it is the members of combat units in front-line outposts who are eaten up with concern for their parents and siblings in urban apartments, rather than the other way around.

Perhaps, in the circumstances, there should be a change in policy as regards the awarding of war ribbons, traditionally distributed after every conflict. When this one is over, it seems logical that ribbons should not be pinned on the khaki shirts of Israeli soldiers, but on the wheelchairs of elderly Israelis as well as on the school uniforms and cribs of Israeli children.

A neighborhood in Tel Aviv damaged by Iraqi Scuds. [IPPA photo]

Anti-Semitic quotation triggers national outcry

By
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The appearance of a crude anti-Semitic quotation in a New Hampshire conservative student weekly has attracted nation-wide interest.

On Yom Kippur last year, the Dartmouth Review — an off-campus publication unaffiliated with Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire — carried on its masthead a quotation from Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf* which read: "I believe today that I am acting in the sense of the Almighty Creator. By warding off the Jews, I am fighting for the Lord's work."

Not surprisingly, the offensive passage caused a hue and a cry at Dartmouth, a university with a reputation for academic excellence.

More than 2,000 of the school's 4,000 students signed a petition denouncing the Review, while Dartmouth College's president, James Freedman, declared that "appalling bigotry of this kind has no place at this college or in the country."

Embarrassed and contrite, the editors of the Review claimed that the quotation had been "slipped in" by a malicious saboteur. An official apology lambasted the "the human filth that placed this trash in our newspaper" and assured critics that "this cancer among our ranks... will be sought out and thoroughly punished." Kevin Pritchett, the chief editor, described the quotation as "sick, ugly and anti-Semitic."

Dinesh D'Souza, a trustee of the Review, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington and a policy advisor in the Reagan administration, asked the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to study the matter. At the same time, the Hanover police force launched a criminal investigation.

William Buckley, the editor of the National Review and a syndicated newspaper columnist, rushed to the Review's defence, saying the incident was not representative of its editorial policy.

Neither Freedman nor Leonard Zakim of the New England regional office of the Anti-Defamation League agreed with Buckley's assessment.

"The Review's entire history reflects a pattern of bigotry and intolerance," wrote Freedman, Dartmouth's first Jewish president, in the New York Times. Sounding a similar theme, Zakim called its editorial slant "not the fruit of well-intentioned intellectual provocation, but instead reflects an intentional undermining of respect for Jews, blacks and others."

The Review's record speaks for itself:

•On the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Review ran a cartoon of Freedman wearing a Nazi uniform with a Hitler mustache.

•The Review sponsored a champagne and lobster brunch on the day of an Oxfam campaign to draw attention to world hunger.

•It reported as "equally tragic" the deaths of 1,400 Moslem pilgrims in Saudi Arabia and 7,000 Australian penguins.

•It published a column in so-called "black English" implying that black students are illiterate.

•It described a black professor as a "used Brillo pad."

Freedman, in his New York Times piece, zeroed in on the Review's backers. "My quarrel is not so much with the handful of undergraduates who write for the Review as it is with those outsiders... who continue to support it." Among those he singled out was Buckley and Patrick Buchanan, a syndicated columnist and former White House speech writer.

Freedman noted that the John M. Olin Foundation of New York, headed by William Simon, the former secretary of the U.S. Treasury, had contributed $250,000 to the Review. "Those are heady sums from respectable adults who ought to know better," he wrote.

In a retort carried by the New York Times, Simon said "it is preposterous to believe that the Review espouses the sentiments of Hitler: for a decade, the newspaper has strongly supported Israel and condemned the rise of anti-Semitism on the political left, and the staff has always included several Jewish writers and editors."

Pointing out that the Review's current editor is black and that two of its editors are from India, Simon suggested that the Review's "relentless exposure of the excesses of contemporary liberalism, with its emphasis on the preferred treatment of favored groups, (gave it) its peculiar power to shape the Dartmouth agenda..."

Taking a potshot at Freedman, Simon added that he "should not be permitted to debase the serious issue of anti-Semitism by using it for political expediency and self-aggrandizement."

Since this harsh exchange, the B'nai B'rith has finished its investigation of the Review affair — concluding that the anti-Semitic quotation had been inserted by a member of the staff.

But Richard Glovinsky, who led the team of six investigators, all of whom are lawyers, declined to name names. However, he expressed strong suspicions about two or three members of the staff.

The Review affair is far from over. The investigation launched by the Hanover police department continues.

The culprits may yet be unmasked.

Dartmouth Review contrite, but investigation is launched

Gideon Hausner (foreground, standing) makes the case against Adolf Eichmann (right).

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I am not standing alone. With me are six million accusers, but they cannot rise to their feet and point an accusing finger. — Gideon Hausner.

IN MEMORIAM

Late last year, The Canadian Jewish News carried a short story marking the death of Gideon Hausner, the prosecutor of Adolf Eichmann at his celebrated war crimes trial in Jerusalem a generation ago. Due to the brevity of the story, some interesting details of Hausner's involvement passed unnoticed. It isn't too late to recount them.

Hausner was appointed attorney-general two weeks before Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion announced Eichmann's capture. A high Gestapo official who supervised the deportation of hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews in 1944, Eichmann was captured by Mossad agents in Argentina in 1960 and clandestinely spirited to Israel. His trial extended over eight months, from 1961 to 1962. Found guilty of crimes against humanity, Eichmann was hanged on May 31, 1962 and cremated on June 1, his ashes strewn over the Mediterranean Sea.

The Eichmann trial was Hausner's greatest challenge as a lawyer. Three months before it started, Hausner retreated to a sea-front hotel and, for six weeks in "a desperate race with the calendar," worked around the clock to master the material.

In his 1966 memoirs, *Justice in Jerusalem*, Hausner writes that Israel faced a formidable task in prosecuting Eichmann. "We were bound to present an overwhelming legal case to sweep away all juridical doubts, and we had to offer an immaculate factual case to establish beyond a shadow of a doubt the truth of our allegations."

Hausner made a point of not meeting with the accused prior to the trial, but kept abreast of all developments. Eichmann, he says, was an exemplary prisoner, with tidy and fixed habits and with an "astonishing" memory. "It was only about Jewish matters that he had lapses of memory."

Eichmann was not repentant. "Regrets do not help nor do they change matters," Hausner quoted him as saying. "They cannot bring the dead to life. Repentance is... for small children."

Hausner, in *Justice in Jerusalem*, recalls the "audible gasp" from the packed courtroom as Eichmann suddenly appeared. Hausner's strategy was to refute Eichmann's disingenuous argument that he was "acting under orders" and that he was merely "a small cog" in the extermination machinery.

Despite the highly-charged nature of the case, Hausner did his best to eschew histrionics. He pleaded with witnesses "to stick to the facts, to avoid any demonstrations or outbursts, to stay calm and factual, even if this was excruciatingly difficult."

The immediate result of the trial, Hausner observes, was "to compel the world to confront its yesterdays anew," to acknowledge the validity of that monstrous event.

Its impact on Israel was particularly telling.

"The trial thus brought home to everyone in Israel the basic facts and lessons of our time. But even more significant was the feeling of self-assurance and confidence that swept the nation. If Hitler, for all his fiendish powers, enormous resources and unrelenting efforts, did not succeed in wiping out Jewry when he had it at his mercy, then the age-old belief in the eternity of Israel was reaffirmed before our very eyes. The Jews had survived their mightiest enemy."

State of Israel entered a new era on January 16

By
URIEL LYNN

On Jan. 16, 1991, the night the Gulf War broke out, Israel entered a new era.

Naturally we are preoccupied with the the present dramatic events: the missile attacks, the ensuing anxiety, fear of a possible Iraqi chemical warfare capability, the interruption of normal life and the damage to the economy.

But the country's future has never seemed so promising as it has since the night of Jan. 16. If six months ago we had asked the best minds in the country to draw up the scenario that would best serve Israel's interests, it is doubtful whether they could have devised a chain of events to compete with today's reality.

Everything President George Bush invested in resolving the Gulf crisis would have been a blunder if, for some reason, the present war had been avoided. Now that the war is a fact of history, Bush's achievements of the last five months can be seen as acts of genius and determination with very few parallels in human history. The long months were perfectly utilized to put the United States and its allies, militarily and politically, in the best position for launching the war.

The first and foremost achievement of the war has been the destruction of Iraq's nuclear, biological, chemical and missile warfare capability - and if it is not yet fully destroyed one has every reason to believe that it will be. Considering Saddam Hussein's past cruelty and his present ambitions, it was naive to believe that he would refrain from using his fast-developing long-range capacity for mass destruction on Israel. Our deterrent power would have not stopped a man who is capable of sacrificing the lives of millions of his own people for his own ends.

Iraq was a true menace to the security of Israel. If it had emerged as the leader of the Arab world after having annexed Kuwait's vast resources, Iraq, along with other Arab countries, could have posed the most serious military threat since the War of Independence. With the advent of the present war, this possibility has been forestalled for a long time to come. And Israel is rapidly becoming better equipped to confront any military threat to its people.

Our position in the region is rapidly changing.

About one month ago, who would have dreamed Syria would affirm Israel's right to self-defence? The latent struggle between the leading Arab countries and Iraq has erupted. Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have joined the coalition of countries involved in the war against Iraq. A strong Israel appears to be a stabilizing factor in the Middle East, and is conforming with the interests of some of the Arab nations.

After Saddam is defeated, an important lesson will have been taught: that there is a limit to the use of military power for expansion; that the world will not allow minitytants to have their way; that it is not worthwhile to channel national resources to the acquisition of tools of mass destruction. This lesson will serve to improve our country's future as well as that of our neighbors.

The menace to Western interests in this part of the world did not emanate from Israel's obstinate concern for its security but from Saddam's uninhibited ambitions. Overnight, the American people and its administration have learned the bitter lesson of not assessing the Middle East realities properly. It is clear that Israel is a tiny country of great importance, and that the United States can rely on our maturity and sense of responsibility in times of crisis. We also have to admit that the United States is almost the only country in the world that we can rely on.

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Features

Moshe Safdie leads the way in architecture

By
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The fate of architect Moshe Safdie's proposed 2,200-seat home for the National Ballet of Canada and the Canadian Opera Company may soon become clearer when the board of Toronto's Ballet Opera House Corp. completes its review of options for scaling back the $320-million complex. Building the centre in phases may be one solution. But financing and fund raising problems, especially during the current recession, may yet lead to the ambitious project's demise.

On Nov. 9, Ontario's newly-elected New Democratic Party government cancelled the $55-million contribution pledged during the previous regime of Liberal Premier David Peterson. For Safdie, that decision typifies a career built on grand, even grandiose designs, some of which have remained only fanciful blueprints.

The 52-year-old Haifa-born architect of Syrian-Jewish ancestry, who moved to Canada in 1953, has become one of the country's best-known builders. Habitat, which he designed for Montreal's Expo '67, is a Canadian urban landmark.

Only slightly less well known are his $117-million National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, which opened in May 1988, and his $39-million Musee de la civilisation in Quebec City, which followed five months later. Critics acclaimed both buildings as esthetically and environmentally conscious.

The National Gallery sits on a promontory above the Ottawa River, framing Parliament Hill, while the Musee is squeezed between Quebec City's historic Place Royale and the banks of the St. Lawrence River.

Safdie's annex of Montreal's Musee des beaux arts is scheduled for completion later this year. His renovation and expansion of Ottawa's City Hall will be finished in 1993.

"Hero of Habitat" maintains office and a home in Old Jerusalem

Although he has major commissions in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, Senegal and Singapore, he also maintains an office in Jerusalem and a home in the Old City's reconstructed Jewish Quarter. In a telephone interview, Safdie freely acknowledged his 30-man Israeli bureau — unlike his larger offices in Toronto and Boston — has been a constant money loser.

"I suppose it's an emotional committment. It's my equivalent of a contribution to the UJA," the architect, who joined the international board of the New Israel Fund this July, told The CJN.

Safdie's hectic international workload compelled him to give up teaching last year, at least temporarily, he said. For five years, he had been lecturing in architecture and urban design at Harvard University. He has taught at Ben-Gurion University, Yale and McGill.

His projects in Jerusalem, described in his books *The Future of the Past: Rebuilding Jerusalem* and *The Harvard Jerusalem Studio: Urban Design for the Holy City*, have had a significant visual impact on Israel's capital.

Safdie has also designed Tel Aviv's Trade and Convention Centre and the Museum of Science and Technology.

When Safdie returned to Israel in 1967, after a 15-year absence, he was the "hero of Habitat," Montreal's revolutionary modular housing complex. Israel's Labor government asked him to set up Habitat Israel, mass-manufacturing prefabricated housing. Safdie commuted between Canada and Israel, working with engineers and scouting possible sites. What he came up with was a modified version — a plan for new towns to house Palestinians in the territories acquired by Israel in the Six Day War.

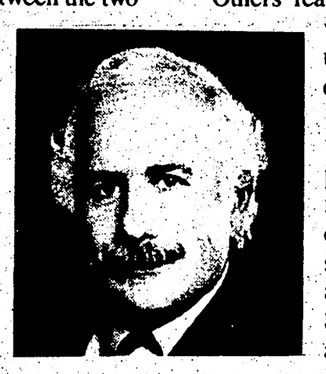
Safdie spent a year planning the project, but in 1968 Prime Minister Levi Eshkol abandoned the idea, as he refused to deal with the refugee problem until Israel's Arab neighbors signed a peace treaty with the Jewish state.

From there, government policy veered toward establishing a Jewish presense in the territories. Safdie refused to build new settlements in Judea and Samaria, and his utopian vision of affordable housing was shelved.

Another of Safdie's radical conceptions was for the Mamilla quarter in the heart of historic Jerusalem, which reflects the city's turbulent modern history and evolution of municipal planning. The vast area — about 12 hectares, situated west of the Jaffa Gate and opposite the Old City — flourished as Jerusalem's commercial centre during the British mandate over Palestine.

In the 1948 War of Independence, however, many of its elegant stone structures were destroyed or heavily damaged. The Israel-Jordan border sliced menacingly by Mamilla; Arab Legion snipers posted atop the Old City's ramparts occasionally took pot shots at passers-by, and the once prosperous business district festered into a border slum.

The very edge became a no man's land, with massive concrete barriers, barbed-wire fences and mine fields creating a buffer zone between the two hostile countries.



Moshe Safdie

Families of the immigration waves of the 1950s were housed in the abandoned buildings, while the formerly fashionable stores were taken over by garages and carpentry shops.

The government expropriated the area in 1970 and appointed the Carta Company to see to its evacuation, planning and redevelopment. The municipal corporation began removing the tenants and workshops, relocating them elsewhere in Jerusalem and setting its planning activities into motion at the same time.

With the encouragement of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Safdie, along with Gilbert Weil, drew up a comprehensive development scheme in 1975, envisioning Mamilla as a bridge of urban activity between the Old and New Cities.

The idea was based on an underground street system overlaid with mixed use development. The plan involved razing all of Mamilla's original 19th-century buildings, apart from the landmark St. Vincent de Paul monastery. Other features included a pedestrian promenade, a parking garage for 1,000 cars, and a bus terminal.

Jerusalem had never known a project so complex. The planners and Carta had no trouble persuading the authorities of its quality and utility.

Nevertheless, Safdie's project generated fierce opposition. Conservationists questioned the near total demolition, including a building where Theodor Herzl lodged when he visited the city in 1898. Many felt the scale of development was ill-suited alongside the Old City.

Others feared that the financing the project would require could not be raised under existing and anticipated conditions.

After interminable revisions involving community input — a precedent in Jerusalem — the municipality's town-planning department approved a more modest scheme: preserving some facades along Mamilla and King David Streets; basing development on an above-ground street system; and creating a pedestrian plaza in front of Jaffa Gate along with green space linking the Mitchell Garden and Sultan's Pool amphitheatre to Independence Park.

The plan permitted the razing of all buildings in the centre of the Mamilla valley. New development, including 200 luxury condominiums, a two-storey 29,000 square metre shopping mall and 1,700-space underground parking garage, were zoned around the valley slopes and as infill.

In 1988, Moshe Safdie & Associates was commissioned to implement the Mamilla master plan. Construction began in earnest in June 1989 after Britain's Ladbrook Corp., which controls the Hilton Hotel chain, beat out several international consortiums. The anticipated completion date is 1998.

One of Safdie's projects which is unlikely to go beyond the blueprint stage is his plan to clear away the 13 metres of debris which have accumulated over the centuries in the once-deep valley adjoining the Western Wall. The plan would enhance the Kotel's monumental scale and worshippers' awe-filled perspective.

Safdie's dreams here remain unrealized largely because the Wall is located in a political mine field. The project had its genesis in the aftermath of the 1967 Mideast war when Israeli bulldozers flattened the Old City's Mughrabi Quarter — a slum abuting Judaism's holiest shrine occupied by Moslems of North African origin. The Ministry of the Interior, under pressure from Jerusalem's influential ultra-Orthodox community, has since stonewalled all efforts to redesign the sacred precinct; the austere plaza has been been left "temporarily" covered with paving stones.

Safdie said his nearby Porat Yosef Yeshiva, a rabbinical college which looks down on the Western Wall, remains incomplete for a more prosaic reason: "The two rabbis (who commissioned the project) have fought and parted ways. It's a deep malaise."

In 1976 Safdie was approached by Yitzhak Arad, the director of Yad Vashem — the Jerusalem Holocaust museum — to design a memorial to the 1.5 million Jewish children who perished under the Nazis.

Eleven years later, the project was completed. The entrance to the memorial leads past a few portraits of children — one of them Uziel, the son of the project's benefactors, Abraham and Edita Spiegel of Beverley Hills, Calif., who was murdered at Auschwitz at the age of one. Inside is a dark chamber with five candles reflected ad infinitum by mirrors. Recorded voices intone the names of children, their birthplace, and age when killed.

New city of Modi'in to house 140,000 olim

Safdie said of the memorial, "I'm inundated with letters by people telling me how they're moved with their encounter with the Holocaust there." But, he frankly added, the cultural critic Avishai Margolit, writing in the New York Review of Books, has called the Yad Vashem design an example of Israeli kitsch.

Currently, Safdie is rushing to complete drawings for Modi'in, a new city planned to house 140,000. It will be built in the Judean Hills halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The project — considered a national priority due to the flood of Soviet olim now arriving at the rate of 1,000 a day — is the first town to be authorized by Israel's National Planning Commission since its inception in 1965.

Phase one, 15,000 units housing 50,000 people, is scheduled for occupancy in 1994. "The intention is to begin earthwork in the spring, after the rains, in April," Safdie explained.

He envisions a medium-density city. Most buildings, rising no higher than three or four storeys, will stand below the tree line. He said he is striving to have the wadis which criss-cross the rolling site set aside as parkland. Each valley would have its own distinct vegetation, including palm forests, eucalyptus stands and olive groves.

"My greater ambition is to deal with housing again," Safdie said. "The ideas of Habitat are coming full circle."

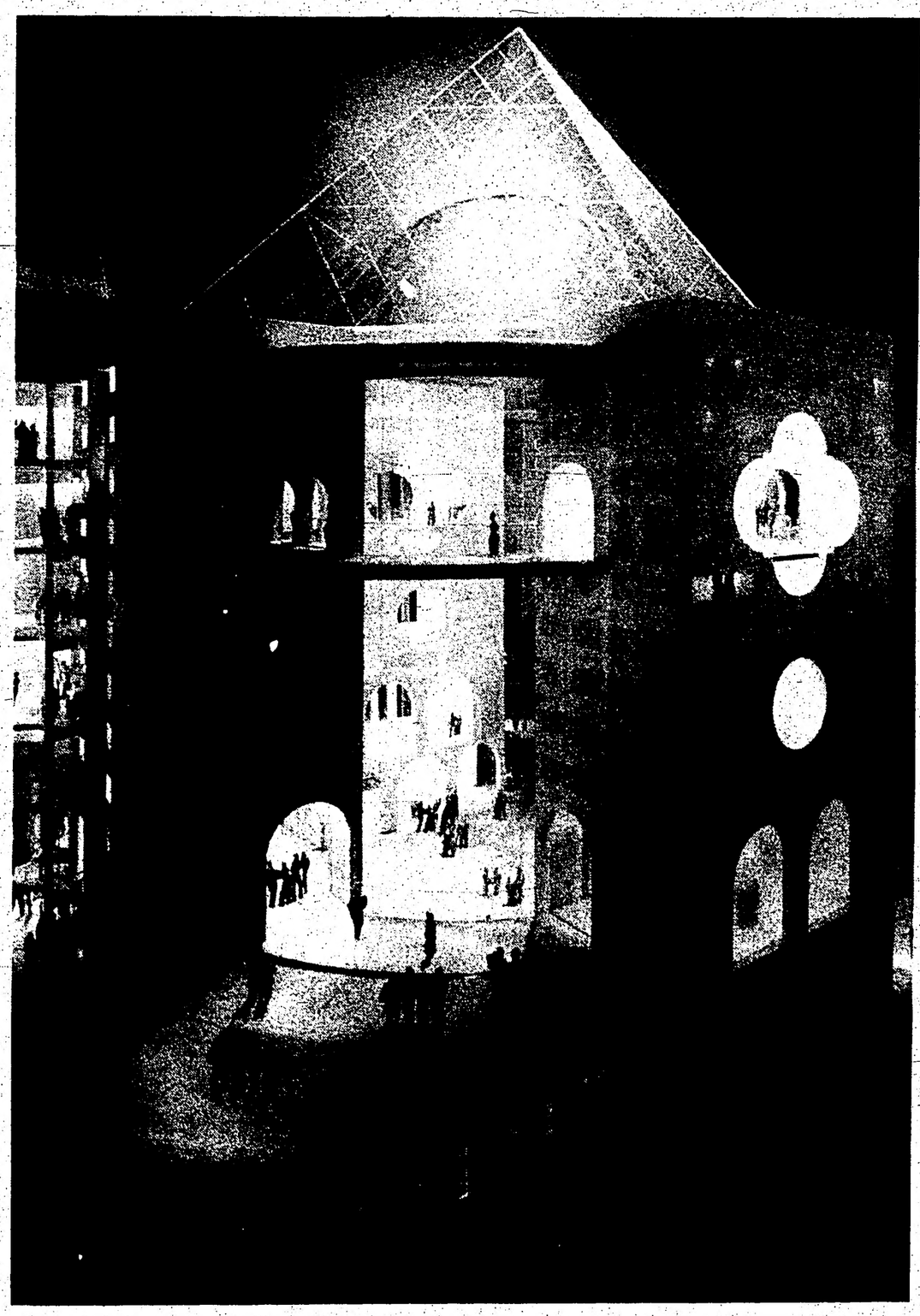
Still, Modi'in is not likely to be his definitive statement. "I'm not naive about it. International contractors will come there with their stamping machines."

Asked the key to his phenomenal success, Safdie turned coy. "I was almost going to answer you cynically that (Globe and Mail architecture critic) Adele Freedman says it's my charm." Both self-effacing and suave, he disputed his reputation for success, saying 15 years passed following Habitat before he received his next commission in Canada.

A final decision either cancelling the Toronto Ballet Opera House or at best reducing its bold vision to a scaled down hall perhaps bereft of rehearsal space looms as a bitter disappointment. Construction was supposed to have begun this winter with the curtain going up in 1994.

Other of Safdie's designs have never been built — the ultimate bane of an architect's existence.

"My projects have always been on the threshhold — both politically and conceptually. Those buildings (which have been built) resonate with people."



Safdie's proposed Toronto Ballet Opera House typifies his career of grand architectural designs, some of which have remained only fanciful blueprints.

In Brief

From CJN wire services

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Jewish mystics are convinced the United States' Scud-busting Patriot anti-ballistic missile is a true guardian of Israel.

According to gematria, the numerical value of the Hebrew letters peh, tet, resh, yod, vav and tet is 314, corresponding to the word *Shadai*.

That term, one of the names of God, often appears on mezuzah cases as an acronym for *Shomer delatot Yisrael* — Guardian of the Doors of Israel.

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DUTCH TREAT

Holland is deploying a Patriot missile battery in Israel together with 25 Dutch Air Force technicians to help destroy incoming Iraqi Scuds. A battery contains 32 missiles fired from eight launchers.

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COVERT CAMPAIGN

Israel took covert action in recent months to foil the transfer to Iraq of products and know-how used in the manufacture of non-conventional weapons, foreign minister David Levy told the Knesset last Wednesday.

"Some things cannot be spelled out in public," he said without elaborating.

Speculation has linked the Mossad to the murder of Gerald Bull in Brussels last March. The Canadian engineer had designed a long-range cannon for Iraq.

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SCHOOLS REOPEN

The remaining kindergartens and primary schools in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem still on Gulf War "vacation" reopened Tuesday after being closed nearly a month. Students will attend classes during their Passover holiday to make up for the lost hours.

The ministry of education ran up a $20 million (U.S.) tab during the period the schools were closed. Expenses included $400,000 for sealing materials, $1.2 m for transportation for special education children, and $1 m for a home-study program.

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ETHIOPIAN ALIYA

Nearly 1,300 Ethiopian Jews have made aliya so far this year compared to 3,700 in 1990. More than 20,000 Ethiopians now live in Israel. An approximately equal number remain in refugee camps in Addis Ababa awaiting permission to join family in Israel.

Kes Menashe Zimru, 86, one of the African community's foremost spiritual leaders, arrived last Tuesday on a planeload of 224 olim. He was greeted by Uri Gordon, head of the Jewish Agency's aliya department, who presented him with a Torah scroll.

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CURFEW LIFTING

The curfew Israel imposed over its territories a month ago at the start of the Gulf War is gradually being lifted to allow some workers to return to their jobs.

A little girl sits on a sofa that was once inside her house in Ramat Gan before being hit by a Scud rocket. [IPPA photo]

Shamir restates position as Israel comes under attack

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Only hours after Saturday's pre-dawn Scud attack, Prime Minister Shamir said the Iraqi threat to Israel was on the wane and even further missile barrages might not change his government's policy of restraint.

"I don't think generally it would change," he said.

Shamir said that while Israel had not responded militarily to the Iraqi strikes, "we check the situation, conditions every day and every hour.

"The moment it would be clear to us that we, with our forces, could do something to end or weaken the threat, we would not hesitate to do it," he told Israel Television.

Shamir said the missile attacks would soon end and that Israel's task was to limit the damage it sustained while waiting for the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Israeli Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Dan Shomron also said the Iraqi missile threat was on the decline.

In Saturday's attack, an estimated 500 apartments were damaged by the explosion; 10 were demolished by the concussion, and another 50 virtually gutted. Twenty-six people were injured, none seriously.

Residents of the area hit by the missile reported hearing distant explosions, apparently Patriot firings, immediately prior to the Scud's impact.

The missile's conventional warhead blasted into the centre of a street in a Tel Aviv suburb. The explosion pulled the front walls from buildings on both sides of the street, and stripped roofing tiles from rafters.

Twenty-seven of the residents whose houses were hardest hit were moved to a hotel in Caesaria. Municipal authorities hired trucks and cargo containers to store the possessions of those whose houses were destroyed.

An allied bombing raid on Western Iraq prevented the launch of two additional Scud missiles toward Israel on Friday night, a U.S. military spokesman claimed Saturday.

Brig.-Gen. Richard Neal told reporters in Riyadh that allied aircraft had been targeting the area from which Friday night's Scud had been launched.

PM's rating climbs

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's handling of Israeli policy in the Persian Gulf war has sent his approval rating to an all-time high of 49.8 per cent, according to a poll by the Public Opinion Research Institute published in Ma'ariv.

In a PORI poll in December, the prime minister's performance was approved by only 26.8 per cent of the respondents.

Shamir's popularity has rubbed off on other members of his government since the war began, even those nor directly involved with security.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens' rating climbed from 31.8 to 54.5 per cent since the Gulf crisis began. Housing Minister Ariel Sharon went from 37.4 per cent approval in December to 49.6 per cent now.

Foreign Minister David Levy is approved by 34.2 per cent, up from 26.7 per cent in December.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i remains the least popular of the senior cabinet ministers. Nevertheless, his rating increased by 10 points, from 18.1 to 28.4 per cent since the war started.

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2,000 JEWS SLAIN IN ROMANIAN TERROR

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 29, 1941 (JTA) —

This, I believe, is the first eyewitness account to reach the outside world of the Iron Guard horror in Romania.

Dozens of Jews — women and children as well as men — were literally burned alive. I am not speaking of those who were burned to death in hundreds of buildings to which Guardists set fire, after shooting and beating the inhabitants and looting the contents of their homes. I am speaking only of Jews who were beaten senseless on the streets, robbed, then doused with gasoline and set afire.

In the Bucharest morgue yesterday, a military surgeon showed me the charred bodies of nine persons burned beyond recognition. All of them, he assured me, had been picked up in the streets of the Jewish quarter following the most frenzied stage of the pogrom, last Wednesday.

Trusted friends have told me, and officials have confirmed, numerous cases of Jewish women whose breasts were cut off, not to mention other sadistic mutilations like gouged-out eyes, brandings and bone-breakings.

Perhaps the most horrifying single episode of the pogrom was the "kosher butchering" last Wednesday night of more than 200 Jews in the municipal slaughterhouse. The Jews, who had been rounded up after several hours of Iron Guard raids were put into several trucks and carried off to the slaughterhouse. There the Greenshirts forced them to undress and led them to the chopping blocks, where they cut their throats in a horrible parody of the traditional Jewish methods of slaughtering fowls and livestock.

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CHRISTIANS SLAIN TRYING TO DEFEND JEWS

SOFIA, Jan. 30, 1941 (JTA) —

Several hundred Christians were killed by Iron Guardists when they sought to defend Jews during the anti-Jewish pogrom carried out by the rebels in Bucharest last week.

Storming through the Jewish quarter in a mad orgy of killing and destruction, armed Guardist gangs killed or beat up every person they saw who appeared to be Jewish, this correspondent learned before he left the Romanian capital. The test seems to have been merely whether persons encountered by the frenzied gangs were willing to participate in the massacre. If they were willing they were considered "Aryan" and not attacked, if otherwise, they were instantly killed.

The pogrom lasted continuously until Thursday midnight — approximately 56 hours. In this brief period the Greenshirt gangs devastated the entire Jewish quarter, destroying nine out of every 10 shops, many of which were not Jewish-owned.

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MAN 'BACK FROM DEAD' GIVES ACCOUNT

SOFIA, Jan. 31, 1941 (JTA) —

A man "who came back from the dead" after being mowed down by Iron Guardists on a field near Jilava prison gave this correspondent a graphic eyewitness account of the pogrom nightmare in Bucharest last week.

The Greenshirts arrived at the Bucharest Jewish Community Centre, a former schoolhouse set back from the street and surrounded by a fenced-in garden. More than 200 Jews had taken refuge in the building as they fled before the advancing marauders. Inside the community house children whimpered and women prayed while the men silently waited for the Greenshirts to enter and begin their bloody work. After a long parley, the Greenshirts decided to spare the lives of 15 women among the prisoners. They ordered them to return to their homes but not before they had slapped and beaten up several in order to make them tell where their husbands' "fortunes" were hidden.

Soon, three or four five-ton American-built trucks, stolen from the army, rolled up the driveway and the Jews were taken out of the cellar. Unable to squeeze more than 160 inside the trucks — even by knocking some unconscious — the Guardists shot and killed the 35 who were left over.

The trucks were then driven outside the city to the open fields near Jilava prison, famous for the massacre of 64 followers of former King Carol on Nov. 26.

The Guardists ordered the 160 Jews to form a line beside the road. Firing squads were organized and marched up and down along the line firing point blank at their victims. They went up and down the line several times, shooting repeatedly into the crumpled bodies to make sure that everyone was dead. Then they returned to the city.

Arabs slow to return to work in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Fear and mistrust were evident Sunday on both sides of the Green Line as Arab workers from the West Bank and Gaza Strip were allowed to return to jobs in Israel for the first time since the territories were sealed off at the start of the Persian Gulf war Jan. 16.

After 26 days of confinement, mostly under curfew, only a relative handful reported for work.

Palestinians, knowing the fury aroused in Israel by their rejoicing over Saddam Hussein's missile attacks on Tel Aviv, were apprehensive about showing their faces in Jewish population centres.

The authorities limited work permits to 6,000, but no more than 1,500 showed up.

Israelis, for their part, feared a renewal of terrorist activities in the highly charged war atmosphere. Israel proper was open to industrial, construction and agricultural workers. But the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas, which provide most of the jobs, were excluded.

Permission to work in other regions was given on condition that the employers pick up their workers and return them home before dark.

Contractors in the Beersheba region feared entering the Gaza Strip and thus did not pick up Palestinian construction workers.

Tension was heightened when residents of Jewish settlements bordering the West Bank were alerted to the possibility that terrorists might infiltrate with the workers.

Curfews were reimposed throughout the territories as soon as the workers returned for the night.

The military authorities were concerned that restored freedom of movement would reactivate the intifada, which has been dormant as long as the territories have been under strict curfew.

No sooner was the curfew lifted Sunday morning at the El-Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip than fierce clashes erupted between Palestinian youths and Israel Defence Force soldiers. The curfew was swiftly reimposed.

The Shin Bet internal security service and the IDF announced, meanwhile, that some 350 activists of Hamas, the extremist Moslem fundamentalist movement in the Gaza Strip, have been arrested and their weapons seized.

The security forces also reportedly captured regional commanders alleged to be responsible for attacks on Jews and on Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israel.

They said they had in custody Ashraf Ba'alougi, suspected of murdering three Israeli factory workers in Jaffa two months ago. He was arrested hiding out in Ramallah.

The killer allegedly acted on instructions issued by Hamas.

The organization was founded early in 1988 shortly after the intifada began and quickly emerged as its most violent element.

Jewish Agency meeting held

JERUSALEM — A Canadian delegation with 21 participants is taking part in the Feb. 12-21 session of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. The delegation is headed by Julia Koschitzky, national president of the UIA of Canada.

In advance of the meeting, Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Board of Governors, sent a letter to members, in which he stated: "Your presence in Jerusalem will reaffirm the role of the Jewish Agency as a bridge between Israel and the Diaspora."

Kaplan said that Board members "will be intensely involved in resolving the huge budgetary needs of the Agency. These needs will be focused on an expected arrival of 25,000 Soviet olim per month and a major increase in Ethiopian aliya. There will be in-depth discussions on the nature and the amount of each budgetary item and the various sources of income available to meet our obligations."

"A major policy decision will have to be taken by the Board on the method of funding direct absorption costs, based on our understanding of meeting our fair share of the needs of Klitta (absorption of immigrants) together with an estimate of our financial abilities," Kaplan added.

Relating to the housing situation, Kaplan wrote to the Board: "You will witness the progress made in housing since our last Board meeting. On a recent re-visit to Kiryat Gat, Beersheba, Sderot, Netivot and Askelon, I saw the changes that have taken place between September, November and January. There is no doubt in my mind that housing starts in the year ending March 31, 1991 including conventional buildings, pre-fabricated buildings and the provision of caravans and mini-caravans will total over 70,000 as against 20,000 in the previous year.

"There has been a major change in the pace of erection of pre-fabricated buildings and an increase in the monthly start rate of conventional buildings. I only hope that the curfew which halted all building in the South, will not have an adverse effect on these figures," Kaplan said.

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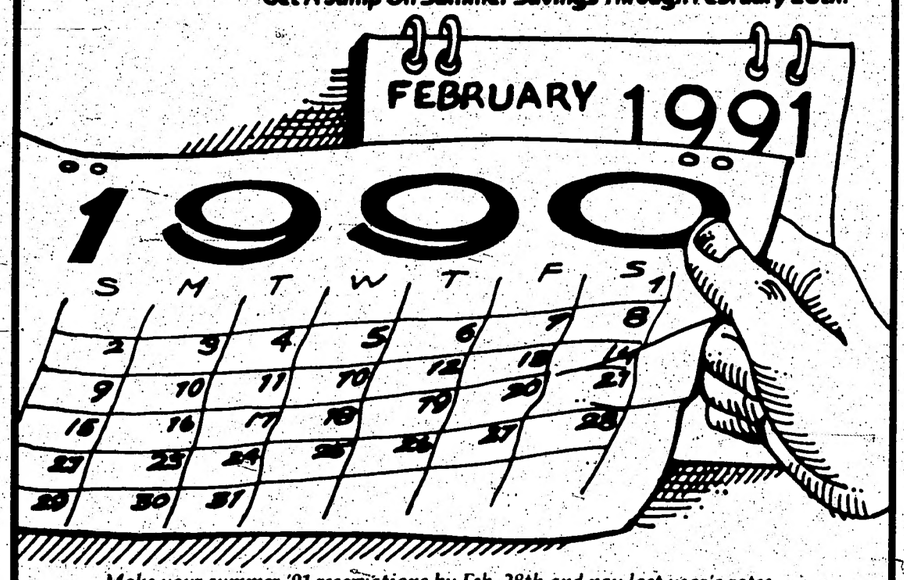

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About $2.25 billion will have to be raised: Hess

Israel expected to absorb another million by 1992

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — About another million Soviet Jews will be coming to Israel by the end of 1992, perhaps even 1.5 million, according to Walter Hess, executive vice-president of the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada.

Speaking at the annual leadership institute of the national women's division of UIA, held at the Four Seasons Hotel here, Hess said world Jewry will have to raise about $2¼ billion to finance the situation and North American campaign goals have been set at $600 million for 1991-92; $600 million for 1992-93 and $800 million for 1993-94. This is above regular needs.

However, to speed up the cash requirements, member Federations of the Council of Jewish Federation, including those in Canada, will borrow $800 million from the banks at once, which will be repaid through the 1993-94 campaigns.

In the Operation Exodus campaign just concluded, Canada raised $101,375,419 (up to Jan. 17) in Canadian dollars. This is a little less than the $100 million U.S. which was the target. But it is expected that the final goal will be achieved, Hess said.

He noted that whereas 62 per cent of the cash flow to UIA of Canada came from Toronto and Montreal 10 years ago, the total has now climbed to 85 per cent.

About 80 delegates attended the institute, representing Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton, Ont., London, Ont., Montreal, the Ontario Region, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg. Several Federation executive directors from Western cities were in attendance, in addition to the women delegates.

The purpose of the institute was to prepare UIA women campaigners for future drives and to discuss ways and means of raising the required amounts. Sheila Engel, national women's division chairman, was in charge of organizing the event.

Julia Koschitzky, national president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, spoke of the Canadian components of the massive campaign to rescue Soviet Jews. "Now, we'll discuss our knowledge and information into Tachlidic terms," she said.

It's been an extraordinary year in the history of the Jewish people, she said, but "it's not the end — just the beginning of a process."

She explained how UIA funnels funds from Canada to the Jewish Agency in Israel. UIA of Canada is a Canadian corporation comprising the UIA, United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) whose legal status empowers it to disburse and manage the funds it collects in accordance with terms laid down by Revenue Canada. In one way or another, she said, UIA of Canada, through Jewish Agency programs and services, affects the lives of 100,000 Jews — through immigration and absorption, agriculture settlements, education and Youth Aliya.

The Jewish Agency, she said, is a network of organizations and institutions: World Zionist Organizations, Keren Hayesod, United Jewish Appeal, UIA and the Council of Jewish Federations. It's "the largest human service enterprise in the world, representing the strongest single organizational link between Israel and the Diaspora."

She said the Jewish Agency provides world Jewry with the instrument it needs to function as a collectivity. When the State of Israel was created, it promised to carry out its moral duty of gathering exiles from every corner of the world — but it never intended to do it alone. Diaspora Jewry was to provide much of the financing, while Israel alone would carry on the responsibility and burden of security and defence of its citizens.

Walter Hess

Since the establishment of the state, the Jewish Agency has adapted its activities and methods of operation to reflect changing needs and priorities, within the limits of the available funds from Diaspora Jewry, Koshitzky said.

Currently, the Jewish Agency budget reflects two priority items: immigration and absorption and closing the social gap.

A year ago, Koschitzky said, Canada's commitment to the Jewish Agency was $60 million U.S., payable over five years. However, with the rapid influx of Soviet Jews, Canadian commitment was increased first to $75 million then to $100 million over three years, in American funds.

She added that Canada, as part of Keren Hayesod fund-raising apparatus which includes 47 countries, is the largest single contributor and provides $180 million, 45 per cent of the cash flow.

The United States operates its United Israel Appeal separately and provides $420 million of the worldwide goal.

Because of the overwhelming needs caused by the Soviet immigration plus the Gulf War, Israel is appealing to world Jewry to embark on a cash mobilization effort to pay up regular pledges to UIA and to Operation Exodus.

Reuven Rosenfelder

Reuven Rosenfelder, communication director of UIA of Canada, reported that in addition to the Soviet Jews, Israel is receiving Ethiopians, with more than 500 arriving in December. Now, the flow has increased to 100 to 200 a day and a community of 20,000 will be brought over in a matter of months.

To cope with the housing situation, Israel is using existing apartments, renovating existing but neglected apartments especially in the development towns and outlying area, building new housing and using temporary units such as army bases used for education and such functions which do not affect training, as well as many motor homes.

Kibbutzim and moshavim have been asked to join the effort in providing housing.

Recently a "hotline" has been established to advise the government housing company, Amidar, of vacancies. Amidar takes care of the rental agreements and has renovated 10,000 apartments throughout the country, of which 9,000 are already occupied.

As of Jan. 1, 17,451 housing units were under construction and contracts have been signed with builders for an additional 38,658 units.

Employment is also a major problem and a high percentage of academics and other skilled men and women are taking whatever jobs are available. In many cases Soviet Jews are being used in labor jobs, replacing Arabs.

Computer programmers are in demand, said Rosenfelder, and 1,000 out of the 100,000 available found work in a short time. The government pays 60 per cent of the salaries of the companies employing programmers.

"In the long range," Rosenfelder said, "it's a matter of re-educating and re-training the immigrants to acquire new skills that are needed. Doctors work in hospitals; dentists, scientists and lab workers are learning to be teachers. These programs are supported through UIA funds."

He said the country's infrastructure must be expanded and "here's where the call for investment comes in." The government estimates $1.6 billion is required just for roads, electricity, schools, community centres, kindergartens and recreational centres.

In Ofakim, with Jewish Agency support, a technology centre has been set up employing immigrant scientists who are doing important research and development work to develop high-tech products — all of which will provide more jobs in due course.

Rosenfelder said the Russians have many ideas which can and are being exploited economically.

He said the Israeli citizens are carrying a tremendous load, with taxes soaring to handle the increased requirements. "We can't fail in our task of helping build the country," he concluded. "The population is now at 3.9 million — hopefully, with our help, it will go up to 5 million."

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Ethiopian Jews endure hardships in Addis Ababa

By
DAISY BENCHIMOL

ADDIS ABABA —

When I asked eight-year-old Chana what she knows about Israel, she replied: "It's in Jerusalem."

On a recent trip to Ethiopia, I met Chana as she waited ragged and barefoot outside the Israeli embassy in the capital, Addis Ababa. She could hardly stand still from the excitement — the next day she would be on a plane to Israel to meet her parents for the first time.

Chana and her brother are among hundreds of orphans of circumstance who were torn away from their parents during Operation Moses in 1984. She was only one year old when her parents left her and her brother behind believing that their children would soon join them in Israel.

Chana said she would recognize her parents at the airport from a photograph they sent her. Chana seemed to embody the mixture of pathos and hope which runs through the history of Ethiopian Jewry, also known as the Beta Israel.

Chana is among more than 20,000 Jews who have recently migrated to Addis Ababa from their ancestral homes in the northern regions of Ethiopia. They left behind their land and possessions in the hope that their ancient dream of a return to Jerusalem would finally be realized.

They arrived into the slums of Addis Ababa, however, only to encounter more disappointment and hardship.

Many have already died from tuberculosis, pneumonia and other diseases rampant in the capital. Although medical care and nutrition for the Beta Israel has improved in the last few months as a result of the efforts of the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and other North American relief organizations, they remain susceptible to serious diseases due to the overcrowding, dampness and lack of sanitation in the homes.

Typically, families of eight-to-10 live in dark, one-room shacks with dirt floors and leaky roofs. Many of the houses have no latrines or running water. Despite these substandard conditions, most of the small stipend they receive from the JDC must go to pay exorbitant rents.

The Beta Israel are still suffering from the shock of urban life and their transition into landless and jobless refugees dependent completely on North American charity for their survival.

Ezezew, who arrived here six months ago with his wife and eight children, reminisced about his self-sufficient life in Benker, a village in Gondar. There, he said, they owned their own house and property. They also grew their own food, collected their own wood and built their own beds.

In Addis Ababa however, everything must be bought. Ezezew's sister, Emebet spoke of her fear of being attacked and robbed by their non-Jewish neighbors: "Every time we go to the market we are afraid that we're going to be robbed."

The Beta Israel in Addis Ababa are particularly vulnerable to theft, often accompanied by physical attacks, because their neighbors know of the monthly stipend they receive. The incidence of such attacks is quickly rising.

Kess Menasse, the oldest and most respected Kess (rabbi) in the community, spoke of the difficulties of religious observance in their new environment. "In Addis Ababa," said Kess Menasse, "there is no land to build seperate huts for women who are menstruating or giving birth (in niddah) as has always been our custom."

He is also concerned that in Addis Ababa there are no natural bodies of water for ritual immersion (mikvah). Moreover, Kess Menasse refuses to enter the synagogue located on the Israeli embassy grounds because he doesn't consider the location to be pure enough for Jewish worship.

Despite the hardships of life in an urban limbo, I noticed an atmosphere of optimism among the Beta Israel as well as the relief workers in Addis Ababa. Hopes were high in the month of November for the hundreds of people who lined up outside the embassy every day, waiting to fill out emigrations papers; after a mysterious four-month halt, emigration was finally resuming.

The optimism, however, was a cautious one. As a result of repeated disappointments in the past, many have understandably developed some skepticism with regard to aliya.

Despite their 2,700-year wait, the Beta Israel continue to yearn for Zion. This was particularly evident during the joyous celebration of their unique holy day of the Sigd. On this November festival, the Beta Israel recite Biblical passages and prayers expressing their longing for the end of the exile.

The Sigd is traditionally held at the top of a mountain symbolizing the receiving of the Law at Sinai. This year, it poignantly took place on the same Israeli embassy grounds where their emigration papers are being processed.

As I watched the Kessoch (plural for Kess) reading from the Torah under a canopy of brightly colored jantilas (ritual umbrellas), it seemed as if I were witnessing Jewish history in the making.

(Daisy Benchimol is program director of the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews. She recently spent one month in Addis Ababa.)

An Ethiopian mother and son, two of the many Ethiopians who have arrived in Addis Ababa from Gondar in the hope of reuniting with their families in Israel, wait in line to receive medical attention at the JDC clinic.

Swiss firm sells to Iraq

GENEVA (JTA) —

At least 11 Swiss firms have violated the arms embargo on Iraq, selling that country substances with which it could build chemical weapons, according to charges levelled last week in the Swiss Senate.

The charges reflect growing dissatisfaction with what is perceived by much of the public and the news media to be a pro-Iraqi tilt by the government, which has invoked Switzerland's traditional neutrality in the Persian Gulf War.

The Foreign Ministry in particular has come under criticism.

Two Swiss newspapers, Tribune de Geneve and Le Journal de l'Emploit, observed that Foreign Minister Rene Felber exercised Swiss neutrality by closing its air space to allied aircraft.

At the same time, Felber, a socialist not known to be friendly toward Israel, has called for an international peace conference to settle all Middle East issues, which was one of Saddam Hussein's conditions to pull out of Kuwait.

Switzerland also is rumored to have given permission to Saddam's wife and three children to take refuge from the war somewhere near Geneva, though there has been no official confirmation.

Meanwhile, Switzerland announced it was sending $10 million in humanitarian aid to Egypt, Turkey and Jordan. It is, however, not sending any aid to Israel.

The Israeli lobby here is trying to persuade the Israeli ambassador to Bern, Yehuda Horam, to react strongly to the government's apparent pro-Arab tilt.

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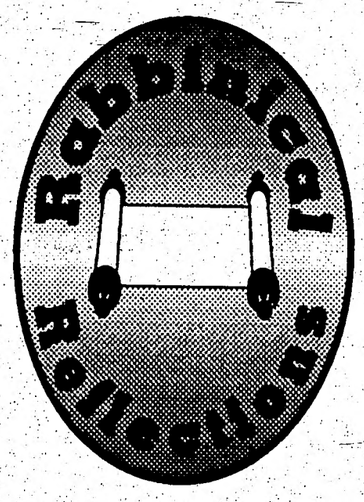
A time for new beginnings

By
RABBI MORDECHAI
E. ZEITZ

Rosh Chodesh is a time for new beginnings. The start of a Jewish month, or any new activity, is an occasion of joyous celebration. It is, therefore, most appropriate that this new column of rabbinic thought coincides with Rosh Chodesh Adar. The Canadian rabbinate commends The Canadian Jewish News for this invitation and we look forward to a mutually stimulating relationship over the coming years.

Over the past few weeks television has brought war — real war — into our living rooms. Even more devastating than the live footage of the war itself was the fact that the war ran more than one episode, in fact, longer than any mini-series. With no quick end in sight, the daily barrage of pictures has removed any illusions we might have had about the glory and euphoria of war. The awesome array of weaponry that has already been deployed and the tools of destruction apparently being held in readiness are overwheming. Unlike our typical television program, the final script for this presentation is yet to be written.



one year ago. I was privileged to lead the Montreal delegation on the March of the Living. This was the third time that I was going to Israel via Poland. We visited the concentration camps and the former centres of Jewish life in Poland. Whether it was standing at the entrance way to Auschwitz or alongside the crematoria at Birkenau; whether it was the discovery of a bone fragment lying in a field in Birkenau or standing alongside the tons of human ash at the Majdanek memorial, we were all overcome with grief at witnessing the results of man's inhumanity to man. The accompanying young people from all over the Jewish world were totally overwhelmed by having to confront these painful events of contemporary Jewish history. Any attempt at an explanation paled in the face of the true horror that had to have taken place on the very ground upon which we were standing.

At one point the tears stopped; and our voices were stilled. It was silent. As we stood, glued to our places, we felt the silence — and it was that silence which brought forth a response. The young adults declared with one voice: "Never again! — we will not be silent."

They were overcome by the conspiracy of silence which allowed such human destruction. Why was the world silent when evil was so apparent in the 1930s and 1940s? Why were all the countries who could have opened their doors to receive the unwanted and rejected, silent? How was it possible for human beings to be part of the construction of factories and machines of death? How was it possible for citizens of the world to remain silent when great crimes against humanity were clearly enunciated. The sounds of silence were so overwhelming that the young people declared: "Silent — Never again!"

Today, these very words help guide me—through these very difficult times. We have seen the United Nations and the coalition refuse to remain silent under the very same conditions. When faced with Iraqi aggression and invasion, the majority of the countries of the world have asked for accountability. Having seen Saddam Hussein shoot deadly missiles at Israel, upon an unarmed civilian population, the coalition strengthened its resolve not to stand by silently. We have finally seen the nations of the world stand up in unity and say: "Never again do we remain silent in the face of such inhumanity."

Yes, we love peace. But a true disciple of peace dares not remain silent in the face of evil. The world has recognized evil and has chosen not to remain silent.

We are taught: *Kishenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha* — with the advent of the month of Adar we begin to rejoice. It is hard to rejoice when soldiers are on the front lines and payloads are being dropped from airplanes. There is no joy when missiles are being directed to innocent neighborhoods in Israel. There is little simcha when you live in fear of the air siren. But the month of Adar holds the key to achieving joy.

People torn between ideals, realities

As we grapple with casualty reports and damage assessments, more and more do we agonize over the morality and the justice of the actions of the coalition. The religious and spiritual soul within each of us says: "War; no way! There has to be a better way." People of conscience are torn between the ideals of peace and brotherhood and the realities of war and destruction.

Judaism does not preach war. It advocates peace. The Jewish people do not thirst after violence. Every one of our mitzvot is a guide towards a path of righteousness and compassion. If we have a fault, it is that we err always on the side of compassion and restraint.

In an attempt to sort out my own feelings on this very difficult situation, I reflect back upon a powerful experience of less than

Purim story in Adar

Was it not in the month of Adar in the story of Purim that we witnessed a Mordecai and an Esther standing up steadfastly declaring: "Never again! — We shall not be silent." Was it not the determination to do something about evil that turned the cards on the Haman of old and transformed a dark frightened world into a society where light and dignity were once again rekindled. If we truly take the lessons of Adar seriously, we dare not stand by silently. We have the responsibility of overturning the evil and treacherous plots of the modern day Hamans so as to bring forth a greater light and better life for the family of man.

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Organizations and People

Sold arms to Iraq for bloated profits: Spivak

Western countries, Soviet Union get blamed for war

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Sidney Spivak, chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, isn't mincing words. "When the history of this (Gulf) War is written, the record will show how badly the West and the Soviet Union miscalculated," he told an audience of about 900 at Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Synagogue on Jan. 27.

"Through ignorance, greed and stupidity, world leaders allowed an insane arms build-up to take place in the Middle East which now threatens the whole planet. For too long, the world has focused on the Palestinian problem while ignoring its underlying causes — the stubborn refusal of the Arab nations (excepting Egypt) to recognized and come to terms with Israel.

"They have left the Palestinians to suffer while using Israel as a lightning rod for all their problems and squandered their fortune on armaments supposedly to use against Israel.

"Western countries and companies have sold arms to these countries without restraint, interested only in their bloated profits. Now the world is reaping the consequences and Israel is at risk."

Spivak described Saddam Hussein as a regional bully who has risen to great heights with support from the Arab world, Soviet and French arms, German-made chemicals and American money and arms. Until Aug. 2, he said, the world followed a path of appeasement which

Sidney Spivak

freed Saddam Hussein from external threats or pressures.

"Despite Israel's repeated warnings about Saddam," he said, "the world yawned and expressed little concern while he gassed Iranians, Kurds and his opponents. We are outraged and angered at the failure of world leaders to understand and assess the Middle East outside the prism of the Palestinian issue.

"The real problem which will remain with us after the war is dictators with ballistic missiles who are allied with terrorist groups trying to overthrow moderate regimes in the area and Israel."

Spivak reported on a conversation with Itzhak Shalev, Israel's new ambassador to Canada. He reported Israel is prepared to postpone retaliation so as not to endanger the coalition. "Israel, however, is ready to act and is praying for peace."

He predicted a long and costly war which will change the face of the Middle East. He said Jordan is moving ever closer to becoming the defacto Palestinian state. He called on Israel's leaders to take bold steps to shape history, to be creative and brave in the post-war era by sitting down with Palestinians and/or neighboring Arab countries to discuss peaceful alternatives. He also noted the Arab states are a large part of the problem and have to be part of the solution.

"My concern is for the children and families of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Iraq," he said. "In the new order that emerges from this war, the task will be to build a stable and long-lasting peace."

Spivak was the keynote speaker among a number of speakers at the Jewish community's rally in support of Canada's armed forces in the Gulf as well as in support of Israel.

Master of ceremonies Sid Halpern (president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council) described the daily meetings the community leadership has been having.

From the audience, he introduced several chaplains attached to Winnipeg Air Command Headquarters, the majority of Winnipeg rabbis and a number of politicians from all parties and levels of government.

Halpern read a telegram from the mayor of Gan Yavne, the recipient of Winnipeg CJA funding the past few years, thanking the community for its concern and support at this time.

Jake Epp, federal minister of energy, spoke passionately of the horror of war and the strength and courage of Israel and its people for its "unprecedented restraint in the face of Iraq's Scud missile attacks. This is not Israel's war," he said. "Israel's only interest is lasting peace."

He noted Canada's long commitment to Israel's security and the need to learn from history and stop aggression. "Saddam Hussein's attacks on the weak and helpless can't be tolerated," he said.

"He represents a threat to the entire world. I hope men and women of good conscience and goodwill will prevail and the war ends speedily. May Israel and the world soon again be in a state of peace."

Darren Praznik, Manitoba's minister of labor, and Dave Brown, Winnipeg's deputy mayor, echoed Epp's sentiments.

Bob Lapidus, executive director of the Winnipeg branch of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, having arrived in Winnipeg in August, spoke of the crisis from a personal, Israeli point of view.

The evening concluded with a prayer by Canadian Armed Forces chaplain, Padre George Davidson.

AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH RAE

Israel's new ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelef, looks dejected after he emerged from a meeting recently at Queen's Park with Ontario Premier Bob Rae. Rae did not come out of his office to have his picture taken with the ambassador. [Alron photo]

Russian collection studied

JERUSALEM —

The vast Hebrew manuscript treasures of the Russian National Library in Leningrad are being made available to Israeli scholars through an agreement signed by the Russian library and the Jewish National and University Library (JNUL) of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The Russian collection contains thousands of rare and, in many cases, exclusive Hebrew manuscripts, dating back to the 10th century CE and originating in Syria, Israel and Egypt. Until now, their contents have been unknown to scholars outside the U.S.S.R.

According to JNUL director Prof. Israel Shatzman, the catalogue of the manuscripts in the Leningrad library — some 17,000 file cards — will be microfilmed and sent to Israel.

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Organizations and People

Telephone bridges the gap

Israeli-Canadian kids discuss war

By
GIL KEZWER

Over 120 Toronto children and parents recently painted a 15-metre peace mural to send to Kubbutz Ha Sollelim.

TORONTO —
Families are on the front lines in Saddam Hussein's terror campaign against Israel, and the telephone is one of their most potent weapons of psychological self-defence.

Six Toronto youths used that weapon recently in a 45-minute conference call with their peers in Israel made from the Zionist Centre here.

Arranged by Canadian Young Judaea (CYJ) national shaliach Shmuel Levkovitz, the youth reached 10 English-speaking members of the affiliated ha-Noar ha-Zioni movement on Kibbutz HaSollelim 10 km southeast of Haifa and in Jerusalem.

"What's it like to wear a gas mask?," 9-year-old Amy Newman wanted to know. "My brother vomited into his," came the matter-of-fact reply.

"What was your reaction after the first missile was dropped?," Benjamin Zifkin, 13, asked.

"Do you want Israel to retaliate?," Marnie Feldman, 13, queried.

The Israelis had a chance to turn the tables and ask a few questions of their own.

One Israeli teen asked Elana Moscovitch, 17, if there are anti-war demonstrations in Canada, and if Jews are participating. "I don't think they've thought about it enough," the voice said from a sealed room.

The dialogue continued with the growing realization that the innocence of youth had been replaced with the know-how of surviving a poison gas attack.

It ended with the question, "Do you have any hope for peace?" After some hesitation, a disembodied voice answered "Yeah."

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CYJ's Kids-to-Kids conversation was reported on CBC, CTV, Global and City-TV. An edited video, shown on Israel TV, was also screened at a subsequent Young Judaea program where 120 children and parents drew a 15-metre mural to send to Kibbutz HaSollelim.

TV crews returned to the Zionist Centre late last month to tape that Kids Drawing Peace program.

Israeli psychologists are encouraging children to express their fears through art. The Toronto mural displayed a lot of angst alongside pictures of rainbows, doves and peace symbols.

Beside images of menacing missiles was written the message "war hurts."

One politically astute youngster, taking his cue from U.S. president George Bush, painted the slogan, "Kick Saddam's ass." Another wrote Saddam spelled backwards is mad ass.

Though far from the living room trenches of Tel Aviv and Haifa, one youth implied Toronto children are also being traumatized.

"I hope that there will be peace soon. We're being affected here too, emotionally but not physically."

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Canadian Young Judaea is sending books to bombed-out children in Haifa and Tel Aviv, where 3,300 apartments and other buildings have been damaged or destroyed.

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Syria seen ready to take over Iraq

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Syria is preparing for Saddam Hussein's death or downfall, says the rector of Haifa University.

Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor told an audience at Holy Blossom Temple last week that Syrian president Hafez Assad has assembled a united coalition of opposition groups to seize power in Iraq should Saddam lose or die waging the Gulf War.

Syria and Iraq are both governed by the Baath party but Saddam and Assad are bitter enemies, said Ben-Dor, who teaches political science at Haifa U.

Assad has brought together members of Iraqi groups opposed to Saddam: communists, clerics, moderates and others, to "have them ready" the minute the Iraqi leader is out, Ben-Dor said.

"There will be no power vacuum in Iraq."

But he added that problems in the Middle East won't be solved once the dust settles in the Gulf.

For one, there will be the question of the Palestinians, who have "thrown away" all the political gains they made during the intifada by supporting Saddam.

But the Palestinians are "reassessing" their position, he added.

And the "real issue" in the war is whether the U.S.-led coalition has the stamina to keep fighting. Ben-Dor said the "most difficult" part of the fighting is yet to come.

From an Israeli point of view, the war "is not much of a surprise, but it has turned out to be much more profound than we thought."

The conflict's downside, he said, is that the West has taken to accepting a lot of Iraqi propaganda. Concepts such as the linkage of the war to the Palestinian question, the "double standard" of the United Nations, and the "conspiracy" theory of drawing the Arab world into a war with the rest of the world, have found legitimacy in the West, he said.

The upsides to the conflict is that Israel has reaped tremendous goodwill with the West, and that the world has learned a lesson about arming a tyrant, Ben-Dor said.

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Organizations and People

Belief in the Messiah's arrival said growing among religious Jews

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The notion that the coming of the Messiah is imminent is spreading in religious circles.

"What happened in the second half of the 20th century (especially regarding the establishment and success of the State of Israel). is without precedent," said York University associate professor of Humanities Martin Lockshin.

He was speaking at a panel discussion at Tiferet Israel Synagogue sponsored by Yavneh Olami.

"Some say it couldn't have happened if we were not at the beginning of the messianic age."

Lockshin said that belief is fine if kept on an academic level.

But "I find it scary to think that political decisions will be made on that basis."

While messianism has an important role in Judaism, he said, many Jews believe they can live good lives, observing the mitzvot, and working to heal the world's woes even if they don't spend all their time worrying if the Messiah is on his way.

"They will be disappointed if the Messiah does not come in their lifetime, but they will manage."

This is the oppositie of the Christian attitude, he pointed out, which believes that salvation depends on the Messiah.

The belief in the coming of the Messiah has served some purpose during the centuries of persecution, the pogroms and the gas chambers, giving hope that things would improve.

On the other hand, Lockshin quoted a survey by historian Gershon Cohen as saying that almost all episodes of false messiahs occurred in Sephardi cultures when conditions were very good.

Perhaps, he suggested, "the messianic movement is not just a channel for the downtrodden, but also for people who feel in control of their lives, that they are succeeding in making the world a better place."

Gush Emunim, he said, fall in this latter category.

Prof. Moshe Sherman, professor of Jewish history at York University, said that Gush Emunim believe that the restoration of the Biblical boundaries of the land of Israel, which include Judea and Samaria, is necessary for the geula, the redemption and the coming of the Messiah.

Accordingly, he said, the question of whether to return Judea and Samaria to Arab hands is not a political issue. "It is part of a divine plan."

Gush Emunim, he said, is a manifestation of the religious Zionist philosophy of Rabbi Avraham Yitzchok Kook, founder of the Mizrachi movement and first chief rabbi of Israel.

Rabbi Kook disagreed with those who believed that redemption could only be brought about by strict observance of halacha and repentence, which would bring the Messiah. Rather, he was a proponent of human beings actively working to rebuild the land.

Sherman said that Rabbi Kook felt that "redemption could be brought about even by sinners in an unholy environment, saying that they too are partners in redemption."

Zev Diena moderated the program.

The evening ended, as many do since the start of the Gulf crisis, with the recitation of Psalms.

The panel discussion was the third in a series entitled From Swords into Plowshares, which explored modern aspects of messianism, as it pertains to today's Jews.

The sponsoring body, Yavneh Olami, is in its early stages. Its organizers are attempting to create a cultural and social organization for post high school age Jewish men and women, with a religious Zionist focus.

Jewish community urged to speak with one voice

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

"There is a lot of work to do before we have a sophisticated lobby for the Jewish community — we have a real problem," Susan Davis, national executive director, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, said here recently.

She was replying to a questioner following a panel on Social Activism in the 90s sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs and the adult education committee of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, held at the synagogue. The title of the discussion was: Lobby Groups: The Ins and Outs of Influencing Government Policy.

The questioner asked about the effect of two different voices, B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Jewish Congress, speaking on behalf of the Jewish community.

"It causes me a lot of personal pain," said Davis, a member of the B'nai Brith Institute for International Affairs, who said JIAS and CJC receive funding from the same source.

"The government likes the scenario of one voice and the CJC feeds into this," she declared.

Davis said JIAS had not been able to make headway on behalf of gaining admission for Soviet Jews to Canada because government representatives had told her that all Jewish groups did not agree on the subject.

The lines of dialogue between B'nai Brith and CJC are "quite superficial," she said.

Another member of the panel, Michael Schelew, an immigration lawyer, and past president of Amnesty International, said he believed the community should speak with one voice when possible.

"It is not a problem for me to have two organizations," he said. "There should be enough common ground. Where there is disagreement, don't say anything."

He said the leadership of the Jewish community has not been "skillful" enough in finding common ground between opposing viewpoints. In the United States, he said, the organization of Presidents of Major Organizations has been able to speak out effectively on behalf of all Jewish organizations there. Davis said even though major Jewish groups in Canada have excellent access to cabinet ministers not much can be done without "having the bureaucrats on your side."

"The days when you made deals in the minister's office are over," she said.

Replying to a question, Paul Marcus, executive director of the Institute, said there are so few Jews left in Iraq that Saddam Hussein does not consider them a threat. "But that situation may change."

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War must be properly explained to children: JF & CS

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

With the Gulf War barely a month old, it's already a virtual cliche that this is a "television war" unfolding in living rooms across North America. Words like Scud missile, Patriot missile, sweep-and-escort mission, and mobile launcher roll off our tongues as if they'd been in our vocabulary much longer than four weeks.

What doesn't come so easily to many people is talking to their children about the war. A group of about two dozen parents and teachers met one evening last week at Temple Sinai Congregation to discuss that subject. The event was organized by the temple's religious school office, largely in response to the "vast number of phone calls" that Ira Schweitzer, director of education, had received from concerned parents of worried children.

"Whatever you feel and however you react has a very profound effect on your children," said facilitator Teri Kay, director of family and community services, Jewish Family and Child Services.

Kay dealt at some length with the intense feelings of adults regarding the war: sadness, fear, anger, frustration, helplessness, confusion — to name just a few. Normal reactions to these feelings include sleeplessness, difficulty concentrating, forgetfulness and apathy.

"Added to our own worries, fears and reactions, we reach out to our children and we try to comfort them," said Kay.

Different children react in different ways, she told the audience. "There's no one prescription for all of us."

Kay nevertheless had concrete suggestions to help parents and teachers "empower" their children and help them cope with "war anxiety," a new term that Kay suspects we'll be hearing more frequently.

Children of all ages need reassurance, comfort and support, Kay said, especially during wartime.

The beefed-up security at day schools and Jewish public buildings is a cause for concern for many children. How do you explain this without terrorizing the children, Kay asked.

"How do you talk to them about safety? You've all had to do that," she said. She encouraged members of the audience to apply some of the same principles to this situation.

It helps, she said, to encourage the children by assuring them that there are responsible adults (such as their teachers) looking out for their well-being.

Some children wonder whether missiles will attack their home. "One of the things you have to do is sit down with a map and show them where Toronto is and where Iraq is," Kay said. "The younger the child, the more concrete you have to be in terms of what you do with them."

She cited the newspaper report of the seven-year-old boy in Jordan, Ont., who was terrified of being bombed. One of the ways his mother dealt with his fear was to help him put a yellow ribbon on a tree. Kay says such actions are "empowering. If you're doing something, you don't feel so helpless."

Other constructive ways of dealing with the war include having children write letters to children in Israel, to the government or to the troops in the Gulf. "Let the kids talk if you're phoning Israel," Kay suggested. "Some children have written poems about the current situation — submit them to the newspapers."

Schweitzer has observed that students at the school want to be assured by adults that the world is still a secure place and that there is still some order to the world.

While it's important to reassure children and to take their questions seriously, it's also important to be aware of those youngsters who are not as verbal, says Kay. Children, especially eight-to-12-year-olds, have "an enormous amount of information." Find ways to help them express themselves, she advises.

It's tempting to say, "That's silly," if a child asks, "Will a terrorist come to our house?" Instead, says Kay, take the opportunity to discuss what a child should do if a stranger comes to the door. Look at it as an opportunity to "normalize" the situation.

Kay cautioned the audience against using words such as "madman" or "evil" in front of their children. "It's not helpful in the long run."

She suggested explaining that terrorists are people who are unable to solve their difficulties by talking. She stressed the need to try to teach communication, to help children see why we believe in the democratic system, in solving things by talking. "Help your children to understand that part of the fight has to do with the inability to solve differences by talking."

She also mentioned that despite the prominence the Gulf War has taken, parents should not assume that everything is related to the war. "Kids can still be having a problem with friends, can still not have been invited to a party." Listen to your children, she advised. Pay attention to what they say.

It's also important to make sure they understand what you tell them. Schweitzer mentioned that one of the teachers at Temple Sinai speculated that the first missile to hit Israel would hit a school. At least one student became alarmed at the prospect of the religious school at Temple Sinai being bombed. "We need to be very careful," said Schweitzer.

"You cannot take away the hurt, but you can make (your children) feel less helpless and less hopeless," said Kay.

Feldman to chair Reena dinner

TORONTO —

Mike Feldman has been named chairman of the organizing committee for the 1991 Reena Foundation's gala dinner.

In consideration of the situation in the Middle East, the dinner has been postponed to June 19 and will be held at the Regal Constellation Hotel.

Organizers of the dinner hope to raise enough funds to purchase a house for developmentally handicapped individuals. Some have been on the Reena waiting list for placement in a community setting for up to six years.

Reena's annual dinner has become an event well-known for its warmth, gaiety and tears of joy felt by all participants.

Feldman is chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Development Corporation, and has been a faithful supporter of the Reena Foundation for many years.

As dinner chairman, he will be coordinating all facets of the dinner. Among the challenges he and his committee will face is the daunting task, in today's economy, of raising the money so urgently needed by the Foundation.

Feldman feels confident, however, that those people who have traditionally supported Reena will contiue to recognize the importance of their contributions.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE NOTES

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (Thursday, Feb. 14 is the deadline for Feb. 28 issue and Thursday, Feb. 21, is the deadline for the March 7 issue).

Thursday, Feb. 14

ROSH CHODESH LUNCHEON

The Women's Studies Program of Ohr Somayach/JEP, Thornhill, cordially invites you to the first in a series of luncheons in honor of Rosh Chodesh, a traditional woman's holiday. Rosh Chodesh Adar program, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, features vocalist **Devorah Lipson-Ohayan.** It will take place in the Sisterhood Hall, Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

Cost is $15 per person. Babysitting is available. RSVP to **Michelle,** 886-5730.

Subsequent luncheons will be noted before each event. If you wish to be placed on the mailing list and receive personal invitations, call **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730.

Friday, Feb. 15

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

A haymish Potluck Supper (dairy) precedes the service and a talk by lawyer **Gerry Wise,** on Jews versus Jews for Jesus, during an Oneg Shabbat at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. (east of Woodbine Ave., south of Queen St. E.) on Friday, Feb. 15. Supper is at 6.30 p.m., service at 7.30, and the speaker follows. Everyone is very welcome.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., from 2-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15. The program will highlight Jewish songs, dancing and semi-classical music.

Saturday, Feb. 16

CELEBRITY GAMBLE & AUCTION

Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., features The Great Celebrity Gamble and Auction, Saturday, Feb. 16. Doors open at 6.30 p.m.

Admission $10, includes $5 in chips and a draw for the door prize, two American Airlines tickets to anywhere in the U.S.A. There will be mystery celebrities, games of chance and a fabulous gift auction plus food and beverage for purchase. And, there is ample free parking.

For more information, call 630-6752. Proceeds go to a Youth Theatre production and other youth projects.

RABBI SCHEIM ON ISRAEL

Rabbi Philip Scheim, who has just returned from Israel, will describe his experiences there when he speaks at the Shabbat Morning service starting at 9 a.m. in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., on Saturday, Feb. 16.

BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., invites you and your family to join in Shabbat morning sevices at 9.15 a.m., when **Ruth Kelman** will deliver the sermon with the active participation of Sisterhood members. A delicious kiddush follows.

And, the Sisterhood welcomes you to the 8 p.m. Havdala service with **Cantor Louis Danto** and the Zemer Chorale under the direction of **Charles Heller,** to be followed by a musical interlude featuring the Shira Duo, **Mona Brown** and **Dorothy Glick.** For your added enjoyment, there is to be an exhibition and sale of works by artist **Miriam Zeev,** who will be present.

Refreshments will be served.

The exhibition and sale continues on Sunday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

To inquire further, call 633-3838.

Sunday, Feb. 17

A GRAND SHOPPERS PARADE

Be in on it when great values are offered in a day-long Grand Shoppers' Parade with 30 special interest shops under one roof on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at Petach Tikvah Synagogue, 20 Danby Ave. (south of Sheppard Ave., west of Bathurst). All this is under the auspices of the Mothers Association of Yeshivas Bobov.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CHOIR

At the request of the Mitzvah volunteers of Cummer Lodge, Temple Emanu-El Choir, under the direction of **Amy Gilbert,** will present a concert of Hebrew, Yiddish and English selections at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 in the Lodge auditorium. **Cantor Anna Trubashnik** will sing several solos.

Cummer Lodge, a Metro Home for the Aged at 205 Cummer Ave. in North York, currently has 69 Jewish residents, up from 34 last year.

HOLY BLOSSOM BROTHERHOOD

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood, 1950 Bathurst St., invites you to hear **Joseph Volpe, MP** Eglinton-Lawrence, who will speak on Multiculturalism in the Context of the Changing Constitution, on Sunday, Feb. 17.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30 and everyone is welcome.

COPING WITH TEENAGERS

On Sunday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m., the Adult Education Committee and the Sisterhood of Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave, will jointly present **Gordon Wolfe,** executive director of Jewish Family and Child Service, who will explore Coping with Teenagers: How do we do it?

Breakfast will be served.

Admission, $3 per person, $5 per couple, will be collected at the door.

BBW BOUTIQUE EVENT

Golda Meir Chapter No. 1756 of B'nai Brith Women, hold a Boutique Event, from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb.17 at the Thornhill Community Centre, Bayview Ave. and John St.

Admission is free and refreshments can be purchased. All are welcome.

MIXED MARRIAGE

Mixed Marriages in Today's Society, will be examined by **Beth Feffer** of Jewish Family and Child Service, when she addresses the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood Breakfast meeting in the shul, 55 Yeomans Rd. at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17.

Admission, $3, includes breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

ISRAEL AND THE GULF CRISIS

Toronto Women's ORT Couples' Group is planning an evening with **Howard English,** communications director for B'nai Brith Canada, who has recently returned from Israel and will be considering Israel and the Gulf Crisis, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17.

RSVP to the ORT office, 787-0297 or **Marilyn,** 226-4406. This is free to members; nonmembers $6 per couple.

CARIBBEAN SOUNDS

Sounds Hot - a free program sponsored by Olympia and York at Queen's Quay Terminal, brings you Hot Steel, with steel drum sounds of the Caribbean, performing throughout the Centre from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17, while **Audrey Rose** entertains with an array of African, Latin and Caribbean dances.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

Abraham Friedman, Jewish Family and Child Service, tackles several topics - Jewish Family Problems, Mental Health Services and the Toronto Orthodox Jewish Community — when he speaks at a meeting of Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 17. Service is at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30.

Monday, Feb. 18

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) meets on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available with mature, caring and experienced sitters.

For information, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit Discussion Group, which meets at Bathurst Heights Public Library, 3170 Bathurst St., just north of Lawrence Plaza, continues its popular discussion session theme, Is the Jewish Woman's Status Inferior to that of the Jewish Man? On Monday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m., the discussion will centre on Marriage and Matrimony in Judaism. This is the third in the series, but one session does not depend on the other.

All are welcome. Discussion leader is **Rabbi Reuben Slonim.** For further inquiries, call 789-2876.

JOINT ADULT STUDIES

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations continue their joint adult studies series on the History of Zionism, From Balfour to the Intifada - The Dream and the Reality, with **Prof. Arnold Ages.** The next lecture will be 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18 at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

GAY AND LESBIAN SUPPORT

A meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians, is set for 7.30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For more information, call **Ruth,** 763-9111. Parents and/or other family members are assured strictest confidentiality.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Miriam Myerowitz of Pikanti Kosher Restaurant, will demonstrate how to make some of her best known Sephardic and Middle Eastern food specialties at a special cooking demonstration arranged by Beth Sholom Sisterhood for 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, in the Gerald Schwartz Auditorium of the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave, W.

Admission is $3.

BETH TIKVAH ADULT ED

Beth Tikvah's Adult Education topic this semester centres on The Jew - What Price for Freedom? a historical and political exploration of the effects of emancipation on 19th-and-20th-century Jews. At 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, **Dr. Moshe Sherman** will zero in on The Jewish Thinker, Immanuel Wolf - The Science of Judaism - New Study of the Jewish Past.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue is at 3080 Bayview Ave.

FEMINIZATION OF FAITH

Feminization of Faith - Alternative Practices, is a panel discussion to explain some of the ways women of different denominations are adapting their faith to women's experience.

Panelists are novelist **Esther Broner,** author of the first feminist Haggadah; teacher, writer and Catholic activist **Joanna Manning; Anglican Church rector Alice Medcof** and United Church of Canada minister **Cynthia Scott.** Moderator is Toronto Star columnist and author **Michele Landsberg.**

Women and men of all faiths are invited to share their new forms of liturgy, rites and celebrations, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18 at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will be focusing on the Book of Samuel, Part II Chapter III with **Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg** on Tuesday, Feb. 19

The group meets 8-10 p.m. at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

SHALOM CHAPTER OF ORT

Toronto Women's ORT, Shalom Chapter, will hold its general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. For further information, call the ORT office, 787-0297 or chapter presidents, **Evelyn,** 731-7466 or **Gillian,** 764-6553.

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday morning women's lecture and discussion group meets at 9.45 in the board room of Holy Blossom Temple. Babysitting is available from 9.30-11.30 a.m. The Feb. 19 session with **Rabbi Deborah Brin** will look at The New Reconstructionist Prayerbook.

For additional details, phone **Rhonda,** 663-3812.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation Young Mothers' Group, is hosting **Linda Spiegel,** owner of The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe children's bookstore, who will explain How to Select Books for Your Children, 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Cost is $3 per adult (includes babysitting).

Call for reservations, **Carol,** 731-8858 or **Erica,** 638-0655.

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LECTURE

At a lecture given to Women For Science, an arm of The Canadian Friends for the Weizmann Institute of Science, Dr. Jay Keystone (left) seen with Carol Gordon (centre), co-chair of Women for Science and a supporter, Dr. Hannah Farkas-Himsley, outlined The Ten Commandments for Tropical Travel. Dr. Keystone is director of the Tropical Disease Unit at the Toronto Hospital and is involved in research into parasitic and other infectious diseases. He referred to related research underway at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel.

REPRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP

A workshop on the moral, religious and legal implications of the new reproductive techniques of having a baby, was conducted by Linda Lallou (right) at a recent meeting of Beth Torah Sisterhood. With her are Rosalie Moscoe (left) and assistant Elayne Day, (centre) who presented a jewelry display and sale. [Mollie Rothman photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20.

ILEITIS AND COLITIS

The Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis is sponsoring an educational meeting on the Surgical Aspects of Inflammatory Bowel Disease, 7.30 p.m. at the Toronto General Hospital Nurses' Residence amphitheatre, 90 Gerrard St. W. (one block west of Bay).

Guest speaker will be **Dr. Fred Saibil,** head of Gastroenterology at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

KABALLAH II

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's adult education series, Kabbalah II, with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin,** concludes on Wednesday, Feb. 20 with The Status of a Fetus: What do Kaballah and Jewish Tradition have to say about life before birth?

The lecture starts 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. For information, call 886-0420

JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

At the next meeting of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Toronto, 7.30 p.m. in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., the program will be The Toronto Jewish Cemeteries, with emphasis on the genealogy project.

To inquire further, contact **Peter Cullman,** 964-2196 days, 756-7856 evenings.

BETH TZEDEC LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood will honor its members at the Annual Membership Luncheon, noon Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., when guest speaker, Globe and Mail editor and columnist **Dorothy Lipovenko,** compares TV Mom, Then and Now.

There is no charge for Sisterhood members, $10 guests. Call 781-3511 to reserve by Feb. 15.

ANOREXIA BULIMIA SUPPORT

If you are a parent, brother, sister, spouse or friend of someone suffering from an eating disorder such as bulimia or anorexia, do not wait...come and join the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the New City Hall, Queen and Bay.

At the meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20, **Beth Marres** will investigate Relationships in the Eating Disorders Families.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

PURIM CELEBRATION

By decree of His Majesty the King, you are invited to attend the celebration of the destruction of **Haman** and the appointment of **Mordecai** as secretary of state, on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 8.30 p.m. in the grand ballroom of the palace, Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

Songs, poetry and assorted forms of merriment will be the order of the evening under the direction of **Rabbi Yosef Michalowicz** and there will be a lavish royal dessert and snack bar.

Costumes are requested but not mandatory and majestic prizes will be awarded for best and worst costume.

Rewards are offered for the most and least entertaining talents (to enter the talent show, preregister at 886-3730).

His Highness' premier minstrels, The Nafshenu Orchestra will add to the festivities.

Entrance fee is $10. For further information, contact Ohr Somayach/JEP, 886-5730.

PROJECT CLOTHESLINE CONTINUES

There has been a magnificent response from the community to Project Clothesline, the appeal for good used (or new) clothing to share with Russian and Ethiopian olim arriving in Israel.

Volunteers sort and pack the clothing which is brought to 70 Wingold Ave. (entry from west side door) amd then shipped to Israel for distribution, free of charge, by the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO). Volunteers also pick up clothing if you are unable to deliver it. Additional volunteers are needed for this pick-up. Please phone 223-0630, days, or 882-2392, evenings.

The only expense involved in Project Clothesline is the cost of shipping and because of the tremendous response to the drive, there is an urgent need for more funds to ship all the items brought in. Contributions will receive tax-deductible receipts if cheques are made out to the ZOC Charitable Fund, 788 Marlee Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6B 3K1.

Help Project Clothesline keep these lines flowing to Israel.

KABBALAH BEGINNERS' COURSE

An Introduction to the Power of Kabbalah: The ancient wisdom of the Jewish people and the profound relationship between science and Judaism, is offered in a series of 12 weekly lectures, 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays at The Kabbalah Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. at Bathurst St.

To register, call 631-9395.

PURIM CARDS

Amichai, the educational fund for Ethiopian Jewry is undertaking its annual sale of Purim cards, $12 for a packet of five. Tax receipts will be issued for purchases of two packets or more and delivery is free.

Call **Maxine,** 785-3448 or **Ronitte,** 256-0800.

HARNOY/FRIEDENBERG CONCERT

Cellist **Ofra Harnoy** and pianist **Larissa Friedenberg** will perform at the next Les Pleiades Concert, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 3 in the Premiere Dance Theatre, Harbourfront. The program includes **Prokofiev's** Sonata for cello and piano, **Brahms'** Sonata in E minor for cello and piano and **Schumann's** Fantasiestucke.

For tickets and information call Harbourfront, 973-4000 or Ticketmaster, 872-1111.

LIBRARIAN VOLUNTEER

A very special volunteer is needed for an ongoing project. Are you a librarian willing to make a minimum nine month commitment? Responsibilities include maintaining resource material and catalogue of information, assisting in preparation of press releases, doing research and sourcing new material.

Epilepsy Ontario, located in North York, would very much appreciate your assistance. Please call the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

TALK TO KIDS ABOUT AIDS

We've Got to Talk to our Kids! is a presentation on AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, for parents with children of all ages, as well as a screening of a special interest film, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 at Holy Blossom Temple in the Philip Smith Foyer, 1950 Bathurst St. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Arlette Lefebvre.**

For more information,call 789-3291.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Responding to the needs of a modern Jewish family in today's society, Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following Family Life Workshops.

Looking Ahead - a group for young, separated and/or divorced men and women (begins Feb. 26 for six weeks).

Mid-Life Separation and Divorce - a group for divorced men and women in their middle years (begins March 6 for six weeks)

Taking Care of Aging Parents - a forum for adult children to discuss common concerns and feelings related to their parents' aging and changing.

For Families with a Special Needs Child - join with others who understand what one feels when one is raising a special needs child (begins Feb. 19 for 6 weeks.)

Living With Teens - join other parents who wish to understand adolescent behavior and strengthen their relationship with their teens.

Anyone interested in participating in these programs or in working with JF & CS to design your own program, call **Pat,** 638-7800.

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Wouldn't it be great to participate fully in the Passover seder - in Hebrew? A crash course in Reading Hebrew, a series of five free 1½-hour classes sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program is available at synagogues in eight locations. Two are in the Steeles-Bathurst area, two at Lawrence-Bathurst, one in Kensington Market, one each at Wilson and Bathurst, Bayview and Sheppard and York University.

To register, dial 785-5899. With the new round of classes starting the week of Feb. 17, now is the time to register. Passover begins Friday evening, March 29 and you'll be ready!

PESACH AROUND THE GLOBE

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood hosts its monthly board meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 1 p.m. in the Paul and Ted Orenstein Mezzanine Hall, 1700 Bathurst St., when **Rachel Schlesinger** will speak on Pesach Around the Globe.

Lunch will be served, $2 per person. To reserve, call 781-3511 no later than March 4.

CANTATA READING

Singers and musicians are invited to join CAMMAC, Canadian Amateur Musicians/Musiciens Amateurs du Canada, 2.15-4.30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24 in Metropolitan United Church, Queen and Bond Sts. for a Cantata Readng directed by Toronto composer **Srul Irving Glick,** who will conduct his own Time Cycle.

The Cantata Reading is free and newcomers are always welcome. To inquire further, contact **Geoffrey Cooper,** 489-4770.

LOOKING FOR SOPRANOS

The Ne'Imot Singers are expanding their soprano section. This is a mixed four-voice choir singing Hebrew, Ladino, Yiddish and English songs. Rehearsals are Wenesday evenings at the JCC N/E Valley. If you have choir experience and would like to sing with an exciting group, call **Nava,** 789-9836.

BETH TZEDEC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications to the Beth Tzedec Men's Club Trust Fund for Higher Jewish Education are being accepted until midnight, Thursday, March 28. The scholarships are open to Toronto area students who are seeking post-secondary school edu-

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CAMPAIGN GIFT

On behalf of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus, Judy Feld Carr and Donald Carr accept a $25,000 Special Campaign gift from representatives of Pride of Israel Temple. From left Steve Goldwasser, temple chairman; Howard Green, co-chair of Pride of Israel's special fund-raising campaign and Howard Stone, president of the temple's Sick Benefit Society.

BASEBALL CHAMPS

The championship trophy of Toronto's Orthodox Shuls' baseball league was won this year by the Torah V'Avodah Congregation team. The league has more than 20 teams. Torah V'Avodah team members are (standing, left to right) Mitchel Shore, Ian Benoliel, Jason Greenwald, Shimmy Bernstein, Avi Barkin, Mike Schlesinger, (seated, left to right) Lenny Beranek, Stuart Sukonic, Harvey Hazen. (Moishe Posner is also a team member).

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What's New

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cation in fields of Judaic interest. New this year is the **Dr. Alan Orenstein Memorial Scholarship** for those specializing in the creative arts such as drama and dance.

Additional information and application forms may be obtained in person or by calling **Rosemary Pace** at 781-3511.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Downsview Services to Seniors is a non-profit charitable organization whose goals are to enable the elderly to remain in their homes safely with support services. Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver Meals On Wheels during the week, over the lunch period. A gas allowance is available. This is a very rewarding experience. If you have some time to spare, please call **Petra Christopher,** 740-5170.

BRUNCH TIME SHIUR

Commencing Feb. 18, the Women's Studies Program of Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, will offer a series of weekly shiurim for anyone who is free between 10-11 a.m. Monday mornings. Coffee, tea, juice and refreshments are to be served as a prelude to intellectual stimulation and spiritual nourishment.

The first series, The Why's of Wherefore, will be conducted by **Rena Schochet** at 613 Clark Ave. W. and runs until March 18 when the title and format will change.

A nominal fee covers food and babysitting.

If you are interested in attending, call **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730.

SHAAREI BETH-EL OAKVILLE

Shaarei Beth-El Congregation, 186 Morrison Rd. in Oakville, welcomes you to a Purim Family Service with megillah reading, refreshments, greggers and "general mayhem," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27.

METRO CARDIAC REHAB CENTRE

February is Heart Month and the Metro Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre at 909 Jane St., is planning to celebrate. As part of its ongoing effort to keeping Metro hearts healthy, the Centre is unveiling its Phase Two on Feb. 15.

Until now, the focus has been on assessment and counselling of patients with heart disease. The opening of Phase Two, enables patients to use the track, physical rehabilitation equipment and whirlpool, all under supervision. National Heart Month will also see the opening of classrooms in the Centre, to educate patients and their families about the realities of their disease.

The Metro Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre is in a community-based, accessible, non-intimidating setting. Staff members pride themselves on being sensitive to the distress and anxiety of the patient.

To inquire further, call **Vicky Talayabaya,** MCRC president, 761-1600.

UNIVERSAL SPEAKERS

Universal Speakers, a luncheon series for business executives, which is held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. W., has scheduled an address by author and former Mexican ambassador to France, **Carlos Fuentes,** who advises Wake Up Canada - New Links With Latin America, Friday, Feb. 22. Luncheon is at 12.30 p.m., speaker at 1.15.

Call 926-7595 for more information or to reserve your corporate table.

OPEN FLUTE REHEARSAL

Here is your chance to hear flautist **Jean-Pierre Rampal** in open rehearsal at the Jane Mallet Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, 27 Front St. E. at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. Admission is free to Royal Conservatory of Music students. Others, $5.

For more information, call 971-5027.

at the JCC

The JCC Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (corner of Bloor), presents its annual Centrefest, six days of Jewish events ranging from singing to movies to panel discussions, all with an eye toward cultural enrichment and entertainment.

For the main event, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, folk singer **Debbie Friedman,** who has nine albums to her credit, will perform. Tickets, available in advance and at the door (if not sold out), are $20.

The Purim Carnival is on Sunday, Feb. 24 from 11.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m. Cost is $3 per person, $1 per adult when accompanied by a child.

A crafts fair, Celebration of the Arts, is slated for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. also on Sunday and admission is free with a ticket to the Purim Carnival.

Feb. 24, 25 and 26, starting at 8 p.m., the Movie Festival will feature such classics as The Jazz Singer, Der Purim Shpieler and Kaddish. Admission is $2.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, the Megillah Reading begins and a Costume Party/Dance follows at 8 p.m. Admission to the party is $6 per person.

CityForum, a panel discussion focusing on lifestyles in the '90s, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 and admission is free.

Come and join in the cultural extravaganza of the year. For further information, call 924-6211.

A new course, Dancing For Better Dancers, 15 sessions of International and Latin Dances to be held on Tuesdays, 8.30-10 p.m., begins at the JCC North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., on Feb. 26. Call the dance office, 631-5659.

North/East Valley Branch, Jewish Community Centre, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members, every Monday evening, 7.30-11 p.m. Cost is $3 per session. A pre-game seminar with **Ken Murray,** is currently being offered. To inquire further, call **Luni,** 889-0813.

The North/East Valley Branch is initiating a new group, Twentysomething (ages 24-35). If interested, call Luni, 889-0813.

The North/East Singles Network is looking for volunteers to help plan programs. Call Luni, 889-0813.

And, the Singles Network is planning a house party on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. Cost is $5. To reserve, call Luni, 889-0813 days, or **Marianne,** 731-2914, evenings.

Call the JCC Hotline, 889-5101, for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows' Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help one another deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 1-2.30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator is **Toby Warsh.** For more information, call **Gitit Gilran,** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

A recently formed **Romanian Discussion Group** meets from 1.30 to 3 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, contact **Gitit Gilran,** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Pretty Woman is the lively movie to be screened from 1.30-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Wagman Centre, on Sunday Feb. 17.

Ballet Jorgan appears in the Assembly Room at the Wagman Centre, 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Come and enjoy a Purim Cabaret with fun, food and entertainment featuring The Accord Royale Company under the direction of **Ella Krylov,** 4-5.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 in the Assembly/Dining Room. Residents free, members $2, guests $3.

The Minimal Vision program for residents and members of the Wagman Centre, plans an open discussion and questions, 1.30-2.30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 18 in the Fireside Lounge.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening, 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Feb. 20 a Yiddish movie with English subtitles will be shown. To inquire further, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443, or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran,** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Senior Sinais' Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal, Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin,** 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein,** 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

Earl Bales Seniors Club holds a dance every Saturday evening, 7.30-10.30 in the clubhouse. No charge to members $1 for non-members. Dance with a live band, 7.30-10.30 p.m., every other Sunday at the community centre in the park, Bathurst and Sheppard. Members $3, non-members, $4. The next gathering is Sunday, Feb. 24. Movies are shown every Wednesday afternoon in the clubhouse at 2 o'clock. The next screening is on Feb. 20. Ongoing activities offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education include ballroom and line dancing and fitness. Other activities are shuffleboard and woodwork crafts. For information call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Free information pamphlets, booklets and gifts geared to seniors, are available on Tuesdays, from a display arranged by **Sonnee Cohen** in cooperation with pharmacist **Stan Lefler** at Shoppers Drug Mart in Hillcrest Mall, Yonge St., Thornhill.

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto Bloor Y Branch, offers many exciting seniors' programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and much more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit** at 924-6211 ext. 36.

Professional assistance in preparing your income tax is offered free of charge (single incomes of $15,000 and couple incomes, $22,500). Call **Teme Kernerman,** North Y Branch JCC, 636-1880, ext. 364 for an appointment. Available times are Tuesdays, 6.30-9 p.m. starting March 5.

Learning Experiences at the North Y will have a program on the Ombudsman of Ontario - What does an ombudsman do and how can you benefit? This is slated for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19. There is no charge for members, 50 cents non-members.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club provides an ongoing program in conjunction with North York Board of Education. The World Before Your Eyes via Armchair Travel, every second Monday at 1 p.m. continues on Feb. 18. The next Joy of Music program with **Ella Krylov,** is at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25. Bridge resumes in the spring. An outing to see the ballet Sleeping Beauty at the O'Keefe Centre, is slated for May 14. Call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923 for information about the trip to Switzerland, staying in kosher hotels, May 28-June 11. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to the Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Blumenfeld,** 787-1526.

The Friendship Club at **Forest Hill Library,** 700 Eglinton Ave. W., offers bridge and other activities for seniors, Mondays and Tuesdays, 12-5 p.m. For more information call the library, 393-7706.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 and over and on their own, meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served. At the Feb. 21 meeting, **Mark deHart** will present a financial portfolio for seniors.

Award winning filmmaker **Lyn Wright,** who has travelled to five countries to film innovative ways of home care for the elderly, will preview her new film, Don't Take My Sunshine Away, 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the synagogue.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Health Lecture Series explaining how to Live a Heart Healthy Life, will have a change of date, when family physician **Dr. Michael Griever** speaks on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue, NOT on Feb. 21.

Etrog, an Israeli Club for Hebrew-speaking older adults meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg,** 225-2112.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Toronto's Orthodox Singles Inc. presents a **Toronto Shabbaton** at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, February 22-24, 1991. 3 Shabbat meals- $135, Saturday night excitement- $35, Sunday Brunch- $35. For more information contact Sharon Ganz 785-0761, Cheryl Kupfer 229-4426, Ruth Balofsky 764-5833. 3648

***Games Jewish Singles Play**

Beth Torah Singles invites Jewish gentleman and ladies to a fun games evening. Group A; ages 26-40. Group B; ages 41-69. Saturday, February 16, 1991. 8:00pm. Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Avenue.
*Chutzpah, Trivial Pursuit, Bridge, Scrabble, Balderdash, Scattergory, Yuk-Yuk, Pictionary etc. Early Bird Bingo, 8-8:30. Prizes. Refreshments. Admission $5.00. Information, Mollie 733-3634. Myrna, 223-6028.

Mayfair West Racquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having its next singles party Saturday, February. 23. The action begins at 7:00pm with a tennis round robin, and a dance following at 10:00pm. The cost for the tennis and dance is $18.00 for non-members, and $13.00 for Mayfair members. The cost is $8.00 after 10:00pm for the dance. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia at 638-1010. 3544

BBC DELEGATION

A B'nai Brith Canada delegation which arrived in Israel on Jan. 15 as a gesture of support to coincide with the United Nations deadline, delivered hundreds of encouraging letters and posters from Toronto Jewish schools to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office. Appearing from left to right are Jacob Atteslander, district lodge member, Harry Hurwitz, adviser to the prime minister on Diaspora affairs and Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada.

TORAH PILLAR AWARD

Elizabeth Barta (second from left) received the Torah Pillar Award at the 31st annual dinner of Ner Israel Yeshiva, in recognition of her dedicated work and that of her late husband, Tibor. Also accepting the award, is Mr. Barta's sister, Lili Manson. Rabbi Yitchok Kerzner (second from right), spiritual leader of Clanton Park Synagogue and Rabbi Moshe Friedman, executive vice-president of Ner Israel, look on.

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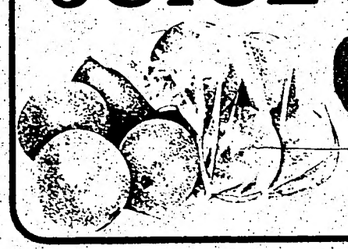

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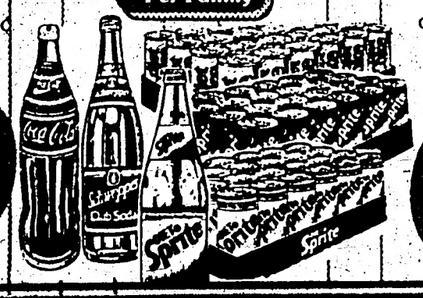

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Organizations and People

Minister responsible for seniors, disabled, race relations

Ziemba welcomes challenge of diverse portfolio

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

For Ontario's myriad racial, ethnic and religious groups, the election of Ontario's first NDP government last fall seemed heaven-sent.

Here was a democratic socialist party, ideologically committed to fostering goodwill among the province's polyglot population, and on record as willing to go the extra mile to make multiculturalism really work.

It's a big agenda, and Elaine Ziemba knows it.

Ziemba, a 49-year-old former community activist and social program coordinator, has a title that barely fits on her business card.

As Ontario's minister of citizenship, with responsibility for human rights, disabled persons, senior citizens and race relations, she's entrusted with the formidable task of overseeing the Race Relations Directorate, the Ontario Human Rights Commission, the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship, and of communicating with a host of groups representing the disabled, seniors and minorities.

The post is one of the cabinet's most challenging, especially in a big city like Toronto, where inter-ethnic tensions and conflicts between racial groups and police don't seem to ease.

"It's been a fast couple of months," the soft-spoken minister told The CJN in an interview at her office, "and I'm enjoying it tremendously."

And she doesn't seem to mind the added responsibilities her ministry has been given. Previously, the disabled and seniors dossiers were handled by a minister without portfolio, an arrangement Ziemba says made for a "large, overpowering and top-heavy government."

At first, that seems discordant coming from a party that stands for big government, but if anything, Premier Bob Rae's NDP has proceeded cautiously, earning his MPPs the monicker of "conservative progressives."

But Ziemba says the party has lost none of its fervor for harmonious race relations.

"We really, strongly believe in equality and social justice. And we will embark on an anti-racist strategy. We're going to call it what it is."

With ethnic tensions roiling anew thanks to the Persian Gulf War, Ziemba maintains her government has not been silent, despite the absence of any NDP statements condemning the recent synagogue and mosque desecrations and bomb scares in Toronto.

"We're meeting with all segments of the community. It's a delicate and sensitive issue, and we're proceeding with caution."

(Indeed, last week, Ziemba called a meeting with Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region to discuss the Jewish community's concerns. She's also met with Toronto Cares, a coalition of ethnic groups formed after the 1989 defacement of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation).

Elaine Ziemba

"People will have to understand that we are trying," she says.

The province is determined to pay more attention to aggrieved racial and religious communities and will instruct the Race Relations Directorate to undertake "a more positive and stronger" approach. Queen's Park will also examine ways to speed up the backlog at the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and to give its rulings more bite, she says.

Also high on her agenda are what Ziemba calls "vulnerable adults:" seniors and the disabled. This spring, the government will introduce legislation creating a comprehensive advocacy system for vulnerable adults, she says.

Mandatory employment equity is also a mainstay of the NDP agenda, she adds.

But Ziemba shies away from the age-old question of government funding for private schools. Although it's an issue outside her purview, the minister acknowledges it affects the whole ethnic fabric.

No sooner was the NDP sworn in than CJC accused it of "state-sponsored discrimination" for refusing to help fund Jewish day and supplementary schools while continuing to fund Catholic schools.

Aim for fairness

"We try for fairness and equity, but as democratic socialists, we believe in a good public school system and in funding it to the best of our abilities," says Ziemba. "That doesn't mean we don't hear the Jewish community's concerns."

Prior to her election as the MPP for Toronto's High Park-Swansea riding, Ziemba served as executive director of Meals on Wheels and as the organization's home help coordinator.

She's also worked as a constituency assistant with the Toronto Board of Education and has been a volunteer with a number of seniors' associations.

While Ontarians of all stripes face many difficulties in the future — the economy, growing racial strife and events overseas — the NDP "will not only cherish diversity, but will encourage diversity and harmony," promises Ziemba.

"We can only overcome the challenges before us by working together," she adds. "We are trying to change attitudes."

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Paul Michaels (right), the Canada-Israel Committee's director of communications, and Ben Prossin, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of Ontario, play the roles of host and guest in a simulation of a radio "talk show" in a workshop on phone-in shows at a meeting of representatives from synagogues across Ontario. The workshop was one of the sessions at the Canadian Jewish Congress-sponsored meeting aimed at helping synagogue members support Israel during the Gulf crisis.

How to best support Israel

CJC, shuls discuss Gulf War

TORONTO —

Fifty representatives from Ontario synagogues came together at a recent Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC)-sponsored meeting to learn to assist members of their congregations in activities aimed at supporting Israel during the Mideast crisis.

The meeting of the synagogue sub-committee of Congress Ontario region's community action for Israel committee (CAIC) included a briefing on Mideast events by Israel Consul General Benjamin Abileah, addresses by officials of the CJC and the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), and workshops on letter writing to publications and participation in call-in radio and television shows.

"This event brought together from across the province people who share a common concern for Israel, and want to acquire the skills to enable them to better assist Israel," said CAIC co-chairman Larry Zimmerman and Naomi Jacobs. "These people will now be able to pass on the skills to the grassroots in their congregations."

The letter-writing workshop was led by Bernie Farber, CJC Ontario region director of research, while the one on phone shows was directed by Ben Prossin, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of Ontario, and Paul Michaels, CJC communications director.

For the phone-in workshop, participants simulated callers with Michaels acting as the program host and Prossin as a Palestinian guest. Jacobs then critiqued the work of the callers.

The meeting ended with a round table discussion including Jacobs, Michaels, and Zimmerman. They outlined resources available to the community from the CJC and CIC.

Congress National president Les Scheininger and Ontario Region chairman Eric W. Slavens, synagogue executive directors and rabbis, and CAIC members also attended the meeting.

Harassment of ethnic groups should be avoided, says Bessin

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A warning that harassment of Canadian Arabs could lead to harassment of people of other ethnic origins was sounded here recently.

"We should oppose it because it could happen to Jewish children," Shira Herzog Bessin told a meeting at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

"The Canadian Arab community says it is being harassed by the Canadian Intelligence and Security Service," she said. "We must beware of importing into Canada what can lead to harassment of others."

The past national executive director of the Canada Israel Committee, Bessin was addressing the third and final meeting in a series titled Social Activisim in the 90s sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs and the adult education committee of the synagogue.

Bessin was in Israel during the first missile attacks and returned just a week before the meeting. Though she lived in Israel through four wars, she told the audience, "this is a war like no other."

She visits Israel seven or eight times a year, she said, but her return to Canada this time "was like landing with a thud." The experience of return was so intense she was not able to shake it for a long time.

To be an effective advocate for Israel, Bessin said Canadian Jews must not focus on the pain and emotions they feel for Israel but become involved in grass roots Canadian politics.

There are three myths held in varying degrees on both sides of the Arab-Israeli debate, she said. The first is that the Jewish community is all powerful and controls the media and Canadian foreigh policy, the second that the community is so small it has no political clout, and the third that everything that can be done for Israel is being done.

Though Canada plays a small part on the world stage, it behooves Canadian Jews to do whatever possible because Israel cannot live in isolation and needs every friend, large or small.

Avrum Gotlieb, co-chairman of the synagogue's adult education committee, chaired the meeting, while the speaker was introduced by Joe Cuperfain and thanked by Ralph Snow.

Shira Herzog Bessin

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Organizations and People

Number of incidents small

Baycrest seeking ways to stop patients from wandering

TORONTO —

Last year a confused elderly resident wandered away from Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. He was located unharmed a few hours later in the northwest part of the city — but the incident and others like it have prompted the centre to look for better ways to manage wandering patients and minimize the safety risks they face.

"The actual number of wandering incidents is quite small," says Monica Auerbach, director of program services and social work at Baycrest's Jewish Home for the Aged.

"What we do have, though, is a fairly significant number of potential wanderers — people whom our staff feel are at risk of wandering away from their rooms, their floor or even the building and not being able to find their way back.

"This has happened because the average age of our patients and residents has increased in recent years and so have the numbers who are affected by dementing illness which is sometimes associated with wandering."

The new policy will require all clients who have been assessed as potential wanderers to wear a bright orange identification bracelet. Their names and other identifying information will also be sent to the Wandering Patient Registry which is operated by the Alzheimer's Association of Toronto in co-operation with the Metro police force.

"Our guiding philosophy is that clients who wander are everyone's responsibility, not just the responsibility of staff who care for that individual," says Auerbach. "This would include everyone who works at the centre and, hopefully, people from our surrounding community such as shopkeepers, bus and taxi drivers."

The centre is holding special orientation sessions for staff members, including a Wandering Awareness Day to be held in March. Letters and flyers will be distributed to the local community, explaining how to recognize and assist a wandering person.

Patients, residents and members at the centre who are considered at high risk for unsafe wandering — ie. by wandering they may place themselves in danger — are normally kept on floors where the doors are locked and staff are trained to head off wandering behavior.

But no system is perfect, says Auerbach, and occasionally an individual will leave the floor. Sometimes a person who has never shown any tendency to wander off may suddenly do so.

There are a number of clues besides the orange bracelet which may help identify a wandering patient. The wanderer may appear bewildered or anxious, may use repetitive motions, and may be seen heading for an exit wearing clothes which are inappropriate for the weather conditions. He or she may approach a stranger saying, "I have to go home," or "How do I get out?"

But appearances can be misleading, Auerbach adds. A wanderer may look physically well, be well-dressed and have all the social graces.

There are many theories about why some elderly people wander, says Shirlie Serrao, head nurse on the behavioral neurology unit at Baycrest Hospital.

"A person's previous lifestyle may contribute to wandering," she says. "These people may have led particularly active lives and still feel compelled to move around. Or it may be an expression of restlessness or the desire to get away from their current situation by seeking safety or familiarity elsewhere."

Whatever causes wandering, Serrao and Auerbach say it has major implications for families, health care facilities and the community at large.

The Baycrest policy offers the following advice to staff members and others who encounter a wandering patient:

Approach the person from the front and establish eye contact. Don't grab him, use punitive phrases or reprimand him in any way. Talk softly using helpful phrases such as, "Do you mind if I walk with you?" Offer him your arm, but if he refuses, don't force the issue.

If he resists all attempts to befriend or divert him, follow him and try again. If you need assistance, ask someone else to keep an eye on him while you get help. If you notice an orange bracelet you should contact Baycrest Centre or else call the police.

The ID bracelets are only a short-term response to the problem of wandering patients, says Auerbach. Baycrest is now studying other potential long-term solutions — for example, better ways to manage people who wander unsafely and the use of alarm systems and special identifying clothing to control wandering.

A wandering patient may head for an exit dressed inappropriately, the new Baycrest policy advises.

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Organizations and People

Toronto JNF president Frances Mandell and Israeli Consul General Benjamin Abileah officially launch Tu b'Shevat Day at the JCC.

Tu b'Shevat celebrated at the JCC

TORONTO —

Special foods, music and singing, speeches and tree planting highlighted the special celebration of Tu b'Shevat recently held at the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

The day-long program was sponsored and organized by the Jewish National Fund, the Israel Youth Program Centre of the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

Hundreds of passersby out for some exercise at the JCC stopped at the JNF tables to arrange for trees to be planted in Israel.

Many children took advantage of the arts and crafts tables to be creative and a special group from the Zionist Youth movements provided lively and entertaining Israeli melodies for the gathered crowd.

An opening ceremony was held with Israeli Consul General Benjamin Abileah, JNF president Frances Mandell, North Y chairman Carl Epstein and Israel Youth Program Centre shaliach Shuly Dichter.

Mark Charendoff of the JCC staff recited the prayer for planting trees while JNF executive director Ben Prossin acted as master of ceremonies.

The guests each planted symbolic saplings after brief remarks. It was stated that the trees would be planted in Israel as a sign of solidarity with the people of Israel and in honor of Canadian troops serving in the Gulf.

This year's celebration of the ancient festival of Tu b'Shevat, the new year of trees, was an occasion which provided the unique opportunity of sending a message to the people of Israel in the midst of the current Middle East crisis.

Trees may still be purchased by phoning JNF Toronto at 638-7200.

Elaine Ziemba, Minister of Citizenship and Senior Affairs and Manning Shore, president Association of Jewish Seniors discuss the building of the David Lewis Housing Co-op.

Co-op apartment planned for seniors

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A co-op rental apartment with 150 units, sponsored by the Association of Jewish Seniors, should be ready within two years, according to president Manning Shore.

Located at the northeast corner of Bathurst Street and St. Clair Avenue, on the site of St. Michael's College, its rents will be limited to not more than 25 per cent of income.

The David Lewis Housing Co-op (named after the former leader of the New Democratic Party) will have 90 one-bedroom apartments, 30 two-bedroom apartments and 30 three-bedroom apartments.

"I'm touched and thrilled at the name you have chosen," Elaine Ziemba, Ontario minister of Citizenship and Senior Services in the NDP government, told the Association, speaking briefly to their meeting at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The site, developed by the Goldman Group, includes three condominiums as well as the rental co-op. Only the co-op is an Association project.

The service station at the corner will continue to operate for about another 18 months, Shore said, but tenants of the co-op will be able to enter off St. Clair Avenue and will be able to get on the subway or a street car without going outside.

The building will have a colonnade-type construction with an overhang above stores. The site will include a park.

"Some might wonder why we need three-bedroom apartments but there may be cases where a couple need separate bedrooms and also need a third bedroom for some one giving care," Shore told The CJN.

Subject to the limitation of 25 per cent of income, the rents in the housing co-op will be $900 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, $1,000 for a two-bedroom and $1,100 for a three-bedroom.

No applications are being accepted yet, Shore said. The co-op is open to Jews and non-Jews.

Ranging over the diverse areas covered by her portfolio, the minister said: "We might need another five years after this term."

She said she was on the way to a meeting with the TTC and hopes to get improved access to subways and buses for seniors and disabled, for mothers with young children, students with a load of books and "for short people like myself."

On behalf of the Association, Lou Kernerman presented the minister with the gift of a book, Keeping Your Mind Alive, by Dr. Janet McPhee of Glendon College.

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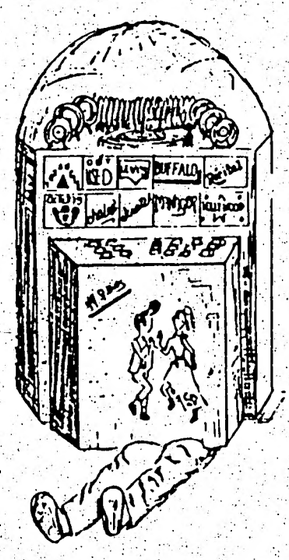

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Organizations and People

Enjoys baking with yeast

Feldman rises to top of her class

By
MOURA WOLPERT
HAMILTON —

When Beth Jacob Congregation held its gala March Magic fund-raising auction last year, one of the items offered was Yeast Goodies of the Month by Hannah Feldman.

And once a month, for the next six months, the petite, white-haired grandmother of four supplied the lucky bidders with a welcome batch of goodies.

Feldman has a way with yeast that's earned her an enviable reputation — as, incidentally, has the soup she's been making faithfully year after year for Hamilton's Hadassah Bazaar and for Beth Jacob's annual family Chanukah dinner.

But there seems to be a mystique about baking with yeast that makes many women, who are otherwise excellent bakers, loath to try it. This puzzles Feldman.

For her, there's really nothing to it. "If you can read, you can do it," says the long-time member of Hadassah-WIZO's Sharon chapter and of the Beth Jacob sisterhood.

Feldman started baking with yeast some 20 years ago, learning it from Toronto's Lillian Kaplan and achieving her present expertise by "trial and error."

By now, of course, she's so good at it that she can disregard many of the rules.

"I'm not the most accurate person in the world," she confesses.

And, she admits, "I like to be fast." She hasn't the time to hang around at home all those hours while the dough rises, nor does she bother with punching it down and then waiting for it to rise again.

For her Friday night challah, for instance, Feldman mixes the dough on Thursday and puts it in the refrigerator overnight. First thing next morning, she takes it out and lets it reach room temperature. "By the time I've finished breakfast," the dough is ready for the oven.

But all that comes with experience and so, to all those bakers out there who've always wanted to bake with yeast but were too scared to try, Feldman says: "Don't worry, it's going to be fine!"

Any recipe in your favorite cook book is good but do go by the book if you're just starting out.

"And never give up!" If your first attempts are less than perfect, "Don't worry. It's not going to be inedible," she adds comfortingly.

A challah, or any other bread, is the easiest because it's simple to shape or just put in a pan. But what if you want to make, say, cinnamon buns or, with Purim coming up, some especially delectable hamantaschen?

One of the things that has often caused many a novice to give up in despair is the rolling or shaping of yeast dough. Like a piece of elastic, it always seems to bounce back.

"Be persistent," is Feldman's advice. "Just keep on rolling and eventually it will work."

Here's her favorite recipe for a sweet dough that can be used for anything from cinnamon buns to hamanstaschen.

Sprinkle 1 pkg. yeast over ¼ cup lukewarm water to which 1 tsp. sugar has been added; let it stand a few minutes.

Melt ½ cup shortening in 1 cup warm liquid, either milk or water. Add this to yeast mixture.

Add 2 eggs, ½ cup sugar, pinch of salt, and mix well.

Refrigerate for a few minutes, then add 3½-4 cups flour and mix well (Feldman uses her Mixmaster).

You can then refrigerate the dough to use whenever it's convenient. Just let it reach room temperature first and after that, says Feldman, it's ready for use.

And if you want to try your hand at hamantaschen, roll out to about ¼ inch thickness, cut into circles about 4 inches in diameter, fill with your favorite filling — Feldman's is one with prunes, raisins, apricots, grated lemon peel and honey — fold as usual, glaze with a mixture of beaten egg and water, or honey, and bake at 400 degrees.

Corns fought for seniors' rights

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

William (Bill) Corns, a longtime trade unionist and advocate for seniors' rights and benefits, died here Dec. 3. He was 78.

A butcher with the Loblaws chain until his retirement in 1977, he was instrumental in the merger of the supermarket's independent union with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters in the 1960s.

Lou Lenkinski, executive secretary of the Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto during those years, remembered Corns as a "stalwart" organizer, "a guy you could rely on all the time."

After retiring, Corns served as a member and then chairman of the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Aging, contributing significantly to TMCA's present stature.

He was particulary interested in sheltered housing, health issues, home support services, quality of life in institutions, and elder abuse.

Always a favorite with the media for his colorful comments, Corns briefly became a national celebrity in 1985 when he co-chaired a coalition opposing the federal government's decision to de-index Old Age Pension benefits.

Leading a busload of Toronto seniors to Ottawa to join with delegations from across the country, Corns placed a wreath at Parliament Hill's eternal flame.

The protesters voiced such strong opposition that 16 days later the government reversed itself and reinstated full inflation protection indexation.

Corns was also active with the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, One Voice for Seniors, the United Senior Citizens of Ontario, Housing in North Toronto for Seniors, and the Canadian Council of Retirees of the Canadian Labour Congress.

Manning Shore, president of the Association of Jewish Seniors here, said of his fellow activist: "He was a man very much concerned with seniors organizations, including the Jewish sector. He's going to be missed."

Corns leaves his wife, Betty, and a daughter, carol Anderly, in Fredericton, N.B.

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Incidents up 500 per cent last month

Gulf War said resulting in increase in anti-Semitism

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
There was a 500 per cent increase in anti-Semitic incidents in Metro Toronto last month compared with the same period a year ago, a day-long forum on the Gulf War's effects on race relations heard last week.

Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights told about 40 ethnocultural, educational and religious leaders that the war has triggered a "surge" of anti-Jewish acts, seen in several synagogue and school desecrations, bomb threats and harassment of children.

"Racists are using the events [in the Gulf] as an excuse to perpetrate hate crimes," Mock told the symposium, held at the University of Toronto's Erindale campus in Mississauga.

She said harassment and threats are part of the Jewish experience in Canada, but their sharp increase last month is "in many cases" the result of the war.

The same theme was sounded by representatives of Arab and Muslim communities, in which mosques have been defaced and threatened since the war broke out.

In the past few weeks, the media have perpetrated the image of the Muslim as "a backward Hun, coming over the mountains to destroy Western civilization," said Imam Abdulla Hakim Quick, director of the Muslim Community Centre of Toronto.

He said Arab and Muslim children are being harassed and beaten up at school, while children named either Saddam or Hussein — and there are many, he claimed — have been the targets of particularly harsh attacks and taunts.

"Most [Muslim or Arab] kids were born in Canada. They have no idea about the Middle East. Yet they're made to feel as foreigners."

Images of shady and cutthroat Arabs in the media and Hollywood movies "are having a horrendous effect" on Arabs and Muslims here, the imam added.

Whatever happens to Muslims and Arabs in Canada will invariably happen to Jews, said Muin Muinuddin, a founder of the Council of Muslim Communities of Canada.

Muinuddin said he is "shocked" that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has not yet made a public statement condemning harassment of Canadian Arabs and Muslims.

Since the Gulf War began, there have been at least two dozen complaints fielded by the Canadian Arab Federation from Arab-Canadians, who have charged they are being harassed and monitored by local police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).

Aida Graff, co-ordinator of the Arab Canadian Women's Network, said several teachers in Ontario have taught children that Arabs are the enemy in the war and that Saddam Hussein is the new Hitler.

Graff said she holds Mulroney "personally responsible" for the climate of intolerance against Arab-Canadians which, she stated, has extended to the widespread belief that all Arabs are Muslims.

"Fear and loathing of Arabs and Muslims are part of the Western psyche," Graff said.

An afternoon group discussion focused on helping students cope with the Gulf War.

The participating educators, some from as far as Kingston, Windsor, Sudbury and Thunder Bay, swapped theories on how to approach talking about the conflict in the classroom.

Teachers received a list of pointers, devised by the Scarborough Board of Education, on how to go about discussing the conflict.

The symposium, hosted by the Ontario Multicultural Association, was the first of four sessions planned for the province.

It's "science as usual" at Weizmann during war

REHOVOT —
Except for a few days at the onset of the Gulf War, it has been "science as usual" at the Weizmann Institute.

To be sure, special arrangements had to be made. Sealed rooms were prepared all over the campus in preparation for a possible gas attack, and, for the same reason, Institute personnel have had to keep their gas masks with them at all times.

Moreover, a special 24-hour-a-day headquarters has been set up to deal with both civil defence emergencies and other problems stemming from the current situation.

The institute also has had to create special child-care centres in every major building for three to nine-year-olds, so that employees could keep working while schools and kindergartens were temporarily closed.

While many non-Israelis left the country when war erupted, this did not happen to the same extent at Weizmann. Indeed, some two-thirds of the foreign students, visiting scientists and postdoctoral fellows remained on the campus.

PhD student Juan McEwen from Colombia, felt that "it wouldn't have been right to leave just because things became tough." He has been impressed by the way Israelis — on and off the campus — "have been so kind and thoughtful during this emergency period."

German graduate student Ursula Glueck admits to being afraid, but feels that "if the Israel government can protect its own people, it can protect me as well."

Besides that, she adds, "I just couldn't leave my friends."

Another German, Dr. Herbert Zimmermann from the Max Planck Institute for Medical Research in Heidelberg, came specially to Rehovot in mid-January, two weeks before his scheduled arrival, in order to show his soiidarity with his Israeli colleagues. "It was the least I could do," he declared.

Among the Canadians who have stayed at the institute are Prof. James Pinfold and his wife from Carleton University, Ottawa; Prof. Karl Skorecki and his wife and children, who is affiliated with the University of Toronto, Toronto General Hospital and Hospital for Sick Children; Judy Fisher, a PhD student from Toronto and Jerry Eichler, a PhD student from Ottawa.

Pinfold said that he and his wife remained "because we have every confidence in the Israeli and allied armies. Also," he added, "we didn't see why our lives should be disrupted by some tinpot dictator."

Skorecki and his family stayed "because of a sense of identification with our colleagues on both a scientific and personal level . . . People have gone out of their way to help us during this period."

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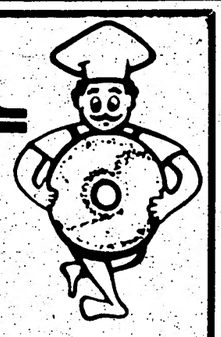

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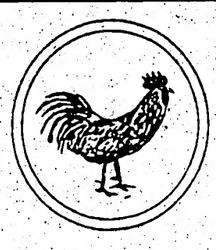

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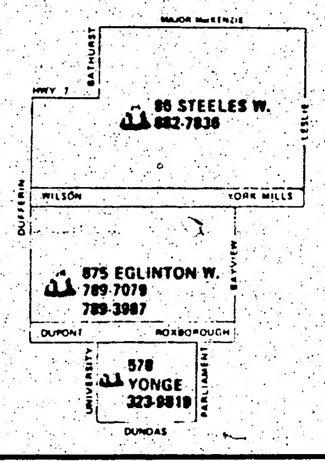

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Poster boy Ein enjoys playing sports

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — "This is the way I am, so let's get on with life." This is the credo of 14-year-old Jeremy Ein, poster boy of Variety Village for two years, who is a member of the Ontario Junior A wheelchair basketball team, and last weekend played sledge hockey on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa.

Besides that, Ein, who suffers from a congenital spinal disability, does downhill skiing, rides horses, swims, throws the discus and shot put, and competes in 10 km wheelchair races. In fact, thousands have seen him riding a horse in an Esso commercial on behalf of disabled sports. The commercial shows him wheeling into a barn and then mounting the horse.

Ein can walk with leg braces and he gets around the city on his own, but he uses the wheelchair for sports.

He appeared in a 20-part series for TV Ontario on health tips for youngsters, a series titled, *Zardip's Search for Healthy Wellness* which is repeated from time to time on the network and is shown in schools.

Although he is only 14, he is a dues-paying member of the Association of Canadian Television and Radio Actors.

He is a popular model for government and commercial ads which require a disabled person and he appears regularly in Sears and Bay catalogues. In one ad, he is shown playing tennis in shorts, leg braces and all.

"The money he earns goes into the bank and he has his own money to spend," said his mother, Arlene, who is a member of the boards of Variety Village and the Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre and is active in disabled sports groups.

"Jeremy has to make decisions, with our help, about mutual funds and GICs so it's all a great learning experience for him," said Mrs. Ein.

He is a Grade 9 student at Bayview Glen, a private school. His father, Dr. Sigmund Ein, is a pediatric surgeon at Hospital for Sick Children. Jeremy has two sisters, Mary-Kay, 26, Tracy, 21, and two brothers, Jonathan, 22, and Jason, 19.

His disability first struck him when he was 18 months old and cords prevented his spine from developing properly. Though he does not have a lot of feeling in his legs, his upper body developed well, aided by his interest in sports.

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Arts

Attack on Tel Aviv postponed event

Singers, musicians stage concert in support of Israel

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The night the first missile fell on Tel Aviv, Michael Khinkis was entertaining an audience at Bernard Betel Centre. A grim-faced official came on stage with the news and cancelled the rest of the performance.

Two weeks later Khinkis, a 30-year-old Russian Jewish immigrant, was back on that same stage leading a group of 12 musicians and singers in a remarkable concert of Israeli music which raised $2,500 for Israel.

A singer, pianist and keyboard player, Khinkis said every performer he approached agreed without hesitation to play free of charge. Though they did not have even one rehearsal, the concert went off like clockwork because Khinkis did all the coordination in advance.

The variety and content of the songs was diverse enough to satisfy the capacity crowd of 250, ranging through Hebrew, Yiddish, English, Russian, Portuguese and Italian, and from haunting Israeli folk songs to a rousing rendition of *Bei Mir Bist Du Schein*.

Two non-Jewish artists, singer Albert Oliviera, a native of Uruguay, and guitarist Lorenzo Popesko, from Romania, said they wanted to express their support for the Jewish people.

The audience of mostly seniors responded in kind to the performers who themselves were finding the evening highly enjoyable. The ambience was so pervasive that at the end, the audience rose, and, swaying back and forth with the music, sang *Hallelujah* along with the musicians who poured onto the stage for the finale.

Sandor Yaruka, who handled the bow of his violin like a stiletto, accompanied 27 songs without once consulting a piece of music. Another accompanist was the versatile Lenka Lichtenberg, who also sang three songs.

The young and handsome Shlomo Aviv, displaying a wide vocal range in Hebrew, was a crowd favorite. Lillian Kelts, who was born in Poland and who lived in Israel for 19 years where she sang in the opera, sang in Yiddish, as did Fay Kellerstein, her *Shpiel Mir a Liedela* striking a good response.

Wearing a straw hat with a red band, the energetic David Feig pranced in and out of the audience singing in English and Yiddish.

Two spirited numbers in Russian were given by Alex Goldinov, who was born in Russia and lived 18 years in Israel.

Two Canadian-born singers, Fern Dworkin, an elementary school music teacher, and Rachel Costriano, a York University student, brought the concert to a close with exceptionally beautiful numbers.

Edward Kogut, chairman, thanked staff members Irina Shulgin and Helen Issenberg, centre volunteers and sound operator Boris Kaganovsky.

There were greetings from Ed Segalowitz, executive director, David Magil, vice-president, David Furmansky, chairman of the Russian Over 60 Club and Shmuel Fish, chairman Israeli Cultural Club Etrog. Ann Schlifer introduced the performers.

Piotr Zaitchenko (left) and Piotr Mamanov in Taxi Blues.

Anti-Semitism in U.S.S.R. portrayed in Taxi Blues

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

A few years ago, Pavel Lounguine was an obscure Jewish scriptwriter in Moscow. Today, he's an acclaimed director vying for an Oscar.

Lounguine's picture, *Taxi Blues*, is the Soviet Union's entry for best foreign film at the Academy Awards in March. Opening at Famous Players theatres across Canada on Feb. 15, *Taxi Blues* had its world premiere at the 1990 Cannes Film Festival, where Lounguine won the best director award. Last September, *Taxi Blues* was screened at the Toronto Festival of Festivals.

A corrosive movie about class envy, anti-Semitism and the decrepit state of contemporary Soviet society, it turns on an odd relationship between Lyosha (Piotr Mamanov), a sodden Jewish saxaphonist, and Chlykov (Piotr Zaitchenko), a Russian taxi driver who subscribes to the theory that Jews are the Soviet Union's misfortune.

Apart from these themes, *Taxi Blues* is "a premonition about civil war" in the Soviet Union, Lounguine says.

In a telephone interview from New York, the last leg of a trip to the United States, Lounguine explains that the anti-Semitism he portrays in *Taxi Blues* is of the traditional Russian variety.

"We're all accustomed to it — like the bad weather."

In *Taxi Blues*, Lyosha hasn't paid his fare, prompting Chlykov to launch a tirade against Soviet Jewry. "You multiplied like bedbugs," he rants. "Now no one keeps order in this country. Before, you were all afraid to even squeak. Now you play music, write books, tell us how to live."

Lounguine, 42, wrote *Taxi Blues* in 1987, following a trip to Paris. France was an eye-opener, a world "where my skepticism and irony were no longer faults." Returning to Moscow, fortified by a rush of ideas, he shut himself up in a dacha in the country, and dashed off *Taxi Blues*.

"Writing this script changed my life," he observes. "For the first time, I did not have to hide my personality. While my colleagues were still fighting censorship, I was already working as if it no longer existed. I described my reactions to my country, which I love and hate.

By virtue of language and art, Lounguine is "very connected" to his homeland. But Soviet totalitarianism, whose rough edges have been smoothed over of late, alienate him and like-minded citizens.

Lounguine sold *Taxi Blues* to the Leningrad Film Studios after the artistic climate in the Soviet Union had greatly improved and favored iconoclasts like Lounguine. But will glasnost last? "I don't know," he says.

It was purely by chance that Lounguine was given the opportunity to direct *Taxi Blues*, in which he made his debut as a director. Before that, he had only written scripts.

A French film director whom he had given a copy of *Taxi Blues* in Moscow went back to Paris, evidently impressed by its calibre. Shortly afterward, Lounguine received a call from France.

"A certain Marin Karmitz really liked my script and wanted me to come to Paris. I hadn't heard of him."

As head of MK2 Productions, Karmitz — a Romanian-born Jew — is one of France's leading independent producers, distributors and exhibitors.

"So I came to Paris, after waiting 1½ months for a visa. I met Karmitz. We spoke for an hour, then he said: 'All right, I believe in you! But I'll only sign on one condition — that you direct the picture.' "

Lounguine brought *Taxi Blues*, which cost about $1 million (U.S.)., to Israel last November. "It was a huge success." Although he liked Israel, he did not seriously think of settling there. "I've thought of emigration, but I don't know where I'd go."

Like many Soviet Jews, Lounguine's Jewish background is flimsy. "I am a very bad Jew. I don't know Hebrew or Yiddish. I have never gone to a synagogue. I don't practice religion. I am a Jew because anti-Semites made me into one." With some hesitation, he admits that his Jewishness made it "more difficult" for him to enter university and find a job.

The father of two, Lounguine was born in Moscow, the son of Symyon and Lila Lounguine. His father was a scriptwriter, while his mother was a translator of French, German and Scandinavian books.

Lounguine is not basking in the afterglow of *Taxi Blues*, being already hard at work on his next project — a film about the experiences of a Russian teenager who joins the foremost anti-Semitic organization in the Soviet Union, the Pamyat Society.

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The first casualty of war ...

Word-mangling and double-speak mar war coverage

The Lively ARTS

By FRANK RASKY

I yawned and almost snoozed recently when John Honderich began his *Editor's Notebook* column in the Toronto Star with this sentence on propagandists in the Gulf War:

"It should come as no surprise that the first casualty of war is the truth."

I was bored for two reasons. Not only is that statement a hoary cliche, it's also not exactly true.

The first casualty of *this* war is its abuse of the English language. That's my "sense" of the coverage of the Desert Storm campaign, after being subjected to the word-mangling of TV pundits and the fuzzy double-speak of military officialdom.

The worst offenders are the media types — the American TV interviewers and anchormen and women, and even our own Barbara Frum — who have debased the honest word "sense."

At one time, newspaper and radio reporters would ask their subjects in precise English, "What are your feelings about so-and-so?" or "Your impression of such-and-such?" or "Your perceptions of this situation?"

Instead, they've lazily substituted the word "sense" and corrupted it into a senseless jargon term.

Next on my list of sinners are the censorial generals adept at Pentagon warspeak. In their laundered lexicon, no people — heaven forbid — are ever "killed," "maimed" or "butchered." Dead GIs masquerade behind the initials KIAs (meaning killed in action).

And in the Cable News Network's *Gulf Talk* show, I was intrigued by the military affairs analysts who talked about the possibilities of having Saddam Hussein deliberately murdered; yet they scrupulously avoided use of the vulgar word "assassinated." Instead, they employed the synonyms suggesting that the killers should "put him aside" or "take him out."

All the doubletalk reminded me of Sigmund Freud's conclusion that most of his neurotic patients used words to "conceal rather than reveal."

I noted with interest the tendency of both sides to dehumanize the victims of the violence. For example, Marine Lieut.-Colonel Dick (Snake) White equated the enemy with birds and bugs when describing how his men obliterated Iraqi tanks in a night raid lit up by rockets: "It was a golden opportunity for a turkey shoot . . . It's like you flipped on the light in the kitchen at night and the cockroaches start scurrying for cover before you squish them."

I thought the most memorable comment was made by an angry Iraqi woman, whose bombed home in Baghdad had been razed into rubble. She shook her fist at the coalition TV cameramen and yelled accusingly:

"Look at what you have done! Do you think we are red Indians? We are human beings!"

I wondered whether she had used that redskin stereotype because she had seen too many American cowboy-and-Indian movies? Or was she suffering from the apparent universal need of all war victims to feel superior to other victims more degraded than themselves?

Whatever the reason, that vignette gave me a sad feeling — not a "sense" — of the tragedy of war.

Barbara Frum is one of the many TV interviewers who have debased the word "sense."

Shuster looks back on comedy team

TORONTO — Frank Shuster of the internationally known comedy team Wayne & Shuster will host The Wayne & Shuster Years, a celebration that spans 50 years of entertainment.

The 90-minute retrospective on CBC-TV Sunday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. is dedicated to Johnny Wayne, who died last July 18.

Appropriately, the special begins with a clip of Wayne and Shuster singing the song Good Companions, which pretty well sums up what they were all about — two good friends who entertained their many fans around the world with innocent good fun.

Fans of Wayne & Shuster will be treated to a compilation of some of the work they wrote and performed over the years. Everything was fair game — hallowed institutions, movies, sports, TV commercials and music videos.

Shuster introduces some of their favorite sketches, many of which have become classics: the silent Economy Flight, The Brown Pumpernickle, a particular favorite of theirs, and the noblest parody of them all, Rinse The Blood Off My Toga (who will forget the line "I told him, Julie don't go").

Their fondness for the writings of the most famous bard produced possibly the most popular sketch of all, Shakespearean Baseball.

Some memorable moments will include 1954 footage of their introduction when they first appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show, the number one television variety show in the United States at that time. Sullivan liked them so much he invited them back to perform a record-beaking 67 times.

Frank Shuster

"Participating in the production of The Wayne & Shuster Years, has given me the opportunity to relive so many wonderful moments of my relationship with Johnny and Frank," said Leonard Starmer, who has been executive producer of the Wayne & Shuster shows for 21 years.

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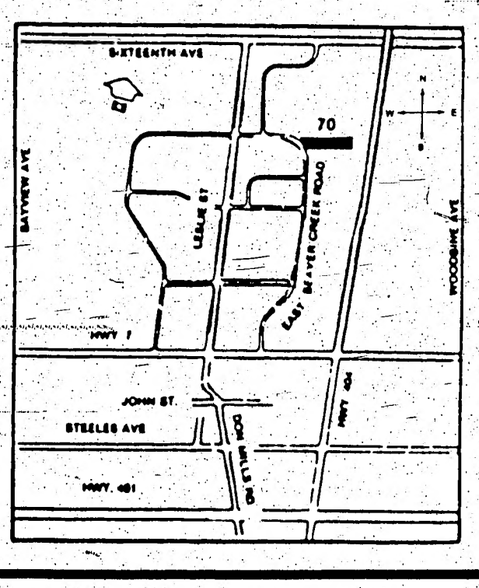

Arts

Kirshner keeping options open

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

In the CTV series *Family Friends*, to be shown in Canada this fall, Mia Kirshner, 16, plays the role of a girl who gets very drunk herself to try to understand her alcoholic mother.

"That's the most serious and challenging role I've played yet," said Kirshner, who has just landed a plum part in the CTV series *ENG*, playing Risa Timmerman, a Jewish girl.

Kirshner, the daughter of Sheldon and Etti Kirshner (he is a CJN writer, she is a Toronto school board employee) already has an impressive list of TV shows to her credit. They include *Dracula*, a 21-part series, already shown widely in the United States, Europe, Japan and South Africa, which required Mia to be on location in Luxembourg for six months.

She also appeared in a Feb. 2 episode on CTV of *My Secret Identity* and in a CBC episode of *Danger Bay* in 1989, which was filmed in Vancouver.

Despite this success, she is keeping her options open, for a career in journalism also beckons. "I want to go to university and study history and political science," she said.

Beside postponing a decision between TV and journalism, Kirshner is also not ready to make any hard and fast decision about whether to opt for films or the stage. She is very enthusiastic about acting in the theatre.

Nothing can compare, she said, to the rush of adrenalin that comes when the curtains part and the audience waits expectantly for your words. Her theatre work has included a performance in a Chekhov play, *The Governess*, a Theatre Ontario project, at the Spring Arts Fair at the Tarragon Theatre in Toronto.

Her passion for acting developed early at the Alternative Primary Schools where she wrote, directed and acted in her own plays. She took courses at the Leah Posluns Theatre and at Young People's Theatre.

Teenager's dream

Although six months in Luxembourg making a film might sound like a teenager's dream, Kirshner has some reservations. "It's not all it's cracked up to be," she said. "You're thrown into an actual situation where you are with adults all the time. You work adult hours, sometimes 17 hours at a stretch. You miss your friends and family."

But she quickly concedes that Luxembourg was beautiful and the time there was enjoyable, especially when her mother stayed for 10 weeks, a cousin, Yael Tomer, of Beersheba, came from Israel to be with her and her close friend Idella Sturino of Toronto arrived for a three-week visit.

Whether she chooses TV, film, the stage or journalism, she has the benefit of knowledge which travel brings. With her family, she has visited Israel (many times), Turkey, Belgium, Germany, France, England and United States.

Mia Kirshner

Hebrew U. to compile art list on computer

JERUSALEM —

Many Eastern European objects of Jewish art that have never before been examined by Jewish art experts are now being documented by researchers from the Centre for Jewish Art at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The centre's goal, said a media release, is to enter into its computerized Index of Jewish Art documents about all of the visual art of the Jewish people.

Researchers have already begun their work in Poland, the U.S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

As well, efforts are underway to set up a joint project with the Historical Museum of Moscow to examine, classify and catalogue dozens of Jewish ceremonial objects, some dating back to the 17th century, that are in the possession of the Moscow museum.

One of the team, Dr. Bracha Yaniv, said that the State Jewish Museum of Prague (set up by the Nazis to document the life of the "destroyed" Jewish people) is particularly interesting.

"There is a continuum of art there from Bohemia and Moravia over many generations, making it possible to study the change and influences in the development of the styles and motifs of such objects."

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Literary gem is often tedious

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Possession, by A. S. Byatt (Little Brown, $27.95).

Winner of the prestigious British Booker Prize as the best novel of 1990, Possession is, indeed, a tour de force of sustained literary brilliance. But it is also an often tedious and exasperating work.

In present-day London a number of academics are keenly interested in the life and works of the renowned Randolph Ash, loosely modelled on Robert Browning, and his relationship with the elusive Christabel LaMotte, who bears some resemblance to the Victorian poet Christina Rossetti.

Young Roland Mitchell, who has written his doctoral dissertation on Ash, discovers some unknown letters in the British Museum that suggest more than a surface relationship between the poet and LaMotte.

Mitchell hesitatingly withholds this information from the repellent James Blackadder, an Ash scholar for whom he works as a literary assistant, and from a number of American academics who dominate the field and are apt to quickly buy up all new Ash material. Mitchell hopes that his exciting discovery may lead to some advancement in his stymied career.

In furthering his research, Mitchell meets Maud Bailey, head of the University Woman's studies department at a nearby university. She is a descendant of the LaMotte family, feminist, feisty and nubile.

She has vital LaMotte material in her possession and the two academics conspire to quietly work together in order to resolve the Ash-LaMotte mystery.

The chase for clues and information take the pair from London to the North Yorkshire coast and then to a remote part of Brittany. Letters and poems exchanged by the two poets, and a journal about them, disclose a turbulent and surprisingly close relationship.

But hints of the new information they have unearthed reach their envious competitors. Before the novel ends there is a showdown that includes a police chase and the digging up of Ash's coffin to discover the secret hidden in his grave.

Dickensian in its leisurely pace and elaborate descripition of both scenery and characters, *Possession* is reminiscent of *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, combining modern sensibility with concerns and feelings of a previous age.

What will discourage some readers is the author's rococo and embroidered style that she uses for those sections of the book that deal with the letters and poetry of her fictious characters.

Eager to return to the narrative, many will find the beautifully crafted material an impediment — and will tend to skim these portions of the book.

A typical paragraph from one of Ash's letters reads: "I cannot describe the air to you. It is like no other air. Our language was not designed to distinguish differences in air; it runs the risk of a meaningless lyricism or inexact metaphors — so I will not write of it in terms of wine or crystal, though both those things came into my mind.

"I have breathed the air of Mont Blanc — a chill light clean air that comes off the remote glaciers and has the purity of those snows, touched with the resin of pine and the hay of the high meadow. This Yorkshire air, the moorland air, that is, has no such glassy chill — it is all alive, on the move, like the waters that thread their way through the heath, as it does with them.

"It is visible air — you see it run in rivers and lines over the shoulders of bald stones — you see it rise in aery foundation and tremble over the heath when it is hot."

In the end, one is impressed and grateful for this long, intelligent novel, crammed with colorful detail, memorable characters and out-of-the way information. Unlike the ordinary best seller it should stand the test of time.

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Arts

Music society dedicates shows to Russian composer

TORONTO —

The first of two programs in a mini-series on Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich will be a musically illustrated lecture by the eminent author who smuggled the Shostakovich memoirs out of Russia, Solomon Volkov.

He will speak at the Lipa Green Building on Tuesday, March 5. On the following Tuesday, March 12, at the Royal Conservatory of Music, one of Russia's most promising gifts to the Toronto musical scene, Andrew Barashko, will lead the Ehko Trio in a program featuring Shostakovich's Second Piano Trio, Opus 67, coupled with music by Jewish composers.

Why is the Jewish Music Society of Toronto dedicating the 1991 Season to a non-Jewish contemporary composer? Shostakovich's memoirs emphasize his admiration and respect for Jews and Jewish music, and describe such compositions as The Babi Yar Symphony as "tombstones."

Like many of Russia's prominent creative artists, he was a victim of Stalinism. His memoirs were published posthumously in the United States, having been smuggled out of the Soviet Union by the noted Russian musicologist Solomon Volkov, who will speak on Shostakovich and The Jewish Motif on March 5.

Volkov's lecture will be based, for the most part on Testimony, the book that he co-authored with Shostakovich. It has been translated into 15 languages and has become the basis of a major motion picture of the same name starring Ben Kingsley as Shostakovich.

Volkov was senior editor of Sovetskaya Muzyka, the journal of the U.S.S.R. ministry of culture and Union of Composers. In 1971, Shostakovich wrote the preface to his book Young Composers of Leningrad. Soon after he arrived in the United States, Harper and Row published Testimony: The Memoirs of Dmitri Shostakovich, for which Volkov was awarded the 1980 ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award.

The Jewish Music Society of Toronto is equally proud to present the world premiere of the Ehko Trio. Its lader, Andrew Burashko, has been featured as a soloist in a JMST concert last season.

This young pianist has greatly enhanced the Toronto musical scene since he immigrated to Toronto from Russia in 1973. He graduated from the Royal Conservatory of Music in 1983, winning numerous awards and scholarships. He has performed with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the Toronto Symphony under the batons of John Williams, Andrew Davis and Victor Feldbrill.

In 1987, the Sinai Musical Legacy Award was added to his collection. He is presently studying in the Artist Diploma Program of the Royal Conservatory, as are the two other members of the trio: Hibiki Kobayashi (violin) and Orly Bitov (cello). Bitov is Israeli-born, Kobayashi, who hails from Japan, speaks Hebrew fluently. The two first met in Israel five years ago.

One half of the March 12 program will comprise the Shostakovich Piano Trio, Opus 67. In the other, they will perform works by several Jewish composers, including the Israeli composer Paul Ben Haim and probably Saint-Saens' Rondo Capriccioso.

Tickets may be purchased singly, at $10 each for Part I and $15 for Part II. A combined ticket for admission to both events costs $20. There is a 20 per cent students and senior discount.

They are on sale at the Royal Conservatory Box Office, 978-3797, at the Symphony Shoppe, 3523 Bathurst St., 789-0189, or from Pauline Pont at 635-2883, extension 154 in the Lipa Green Building.

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BenShea provides interesting insights

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The idea of the simple man imbued with great wisdom is a common one in folk literature. *The Rubiyat of Omar Khayim* is one of the best-known examples.

Jewish folk literature is no exception, with charactors such as Hershel Ostropoler coming to mind.

Modern writers have tried to use this genre to deal with great, universal themes, but not, generally speaking, with matters of day-to-day life.

(One thinks of the man who boasts that as the head of the house he makes all the major decisions, like nuclear disarmament, world ecology and the conduct of the Persian Gulf crisis, while his wife handles such mundane matters as running the house, controlling the family budget and bringing up the children.)

Noah benShea, a transplanted Torontonian now living in California, has written what will surely become a classic of its type.

Jacob the Baker; gentle wisdom for a complicated world, (Random House, 1989), is the story of a small-town baker who muses about life while doing his work.

By mistake, one of his notes is baked inside a bread, where it is found by a customer.

Impressed by his wisdom, she (and others) urge him to make his thoughts known to the community.

After much soul-searching, and never with an ounce of arrogance, Jacob agrees, and young and old alike flock to him to ask about love, death, wealth, anger and human relationships.

A woman wants to take her wealth with her when she dies. Jacob tells her everything of value can be taken to the other side — in your memory.

When she objects that memory can't carry wealth, Jacob replies "That is only because you have already forgotten what is of value."

Language simple

He tells a young man afraid that if he marries he will lose part of himself, that "If you join with a woman, there is a very good chance you will no longer be lost in yourself."

The language is simple, and one can read the book quickly.

However, it is almost impossible not to reread it again and again, each time finding some new insight.

BenShea, himself a baker, says he wrote the book while "trying to make sense of my life."

He said he feels like a cartographer, giving people a map to get through life.

The book has received wide acceptance, particularly, he says, among people going through difficult times in their lives.

"When we are young, we think the most important thing is to find the way. As we grow older, we realize the task is to find the strength to carry on," he says.

A sequel is planned, which will deal with Jacob's response to his new public persona, much as BenShea has had to cope with the fame the book has brought him.

In the meantime, we are left with the comfort Jacob offers to his dying employer.

He speaks about each person travelling "in the great darkness of our ignorance."

During the journey, one finds the ashes of a fire left by a previous traveller.

"...these ashes tell us that somebody else has been in the night, somebody else has bent to build a fire and somebody else has carried on.

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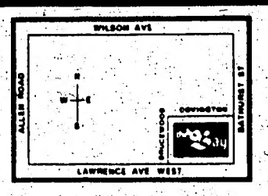

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Arts

Showbiz Mishmash

Broadway's peacocks and turkeys

By
FRANK RASKY

The wittiest, laugh-out-loud putdown of a Broadway musical I ever read was written by **Percy Hammond**, the late theatre critic of the late New York Herald Tribune, where I once worked as an entertainment reporter.

I've long forgotten the title of the musical revue that Hammond poleaxed, but I still get a chuckle when recalling his pulverizing last line:

"By now, I've knocked everything in this show except the knees of the chorus girls — and God has already done that for me."

The prose is not as cruel or devastating as that in *Opening Night On Broadway*, the new jumbo book compiled by New York stage producer **Steven Suskin** (Collier Macmillan of Canada; 810 pages; $39.95). It's subtitled *A Critical Quotebook of the Golden Era of the Musical Theatre, from Oklahoma! (1943) to Fiddler on the Roof (1964)*. And for me, it was an immensely pleasureable and nostalgic ramble down what used to be called New York's Great White Way.

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Suskin has painstakingly culled these excerpts from more than 2,500 reviews of song-and-dance shows as originally written by New York members of the Drama Critics' Circle (variously vilified as the Damned Cranky Cobras, the Broadway Demolition Squad, and the Jukes Family of Journalism). The result is an entertaining compendium of their praise and pans of the peacocks and turkeys that have strutted or stumbled over a period of two decades on Broadway.

Naturally, since we all have a touch of sadism in our human nature, the most venomous critiques are often most fun to read.

I rather liked the zinger aimed at the 1964 musical comedy, *Cafe Crown*, co-starring **Sam Levene** and **Theodore Bikel** as Jewish characters in a kosher Second Avenue restaurant: "Cafe Crown could use a bowl of chicken soup."

Camelot, the disappointing musical by **Alan Jay Lerner** and **Frederick Loewe** and directed by **Moss Hart**, which opened at the newly built O'Keefe Centre in 1960, was wickedly skewered by **Robert Coleman** of the Daily Mirror: "Lerner, Loewe and Hart spent so much to mount *Camelot* (more than $500,000) that the wisecrackers have been calling it 'Costallot'."

Stephen Sondheim, undoubtedly the cleverest of modern lyricist-composers, got his comeuppance at the 1964 opening of *Anyone Can Whistle*, co-starring **Angela Lansbury** and **Lee Remick**: "Anyone can whistle, but nobody can sing."

A Lady Says Yes, written by **Dr. Maxwell Maltz**, a plastic surgeon by trade who didn't believe in cutting his overblown dialogue, was bluntly rebuffed by **John Chapman**, the theatrical butcher of the Daily News: "A Critic Says No."

Zero Mostel

Laraine Herzog

Richard Greenblatt

Debbie Friedman

Richard Sacks

Sarah Green

Similarly, **Howard Barnes** of the Herald Tribune, faced with the British audience-participation musical by **Benjamin Britten**, *Let's Make An Opera*, rejected the invitation with a brusque: "Let's not!"

Critics make mistakes

And **David Raskin's** 1946 musical comedy, *If The Shoe Fits*, based on the Cinderella fairy tale, was savagely blunderbussed by **William Hawkins** of the World-Telegram in a very mean phrase: "A flavorless Mother Gooseburger."

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But the critics, too, have committed their embarrassing boo-boos. Fantastic as it may seem, **Louis Kronenberger**, the erudite critic of the liberal tabloid *PM*, bellyached that the 1946 musical, *Annie Get Your Gun*, was a flop because "**Irving Berlin's** score is musically not exciting."

Yet this was the Berlin masterwork that spawned such imperishable pop classics as *Doing What Comes Naturally, The Girl That I Marry, I Got The Sun In The Morning, Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)*, and the anthem of the profession itself, *There's No Business Like Show Business*.

Even the monarchs of Broadway, **Oscar Hammerstein** and **Richard Rodgers**, were not immune from calumny. **Billy Rose**, the so-called Bantam Barnum of Broadway, refused to invest in their revolutionary *Oklahoma!*, coining the wisecrack picked up by other smart-aleck weisenheimers of Manhattan: "No girls. No gags. No go."

Billy Rose got a taste of his own medicine in 1945 when he produced the *Concert Varieties Revue* at the Ziegfeld Theatre, introducing the incomparable comic, **Zero Mostel. Robert Garland** of the Journal-American punctured the plump comedian viciously: "Zero lives up to his given name."

Happily, Mostel won the recognition he so justly deserved in 1964, when he co-starred with **Beatrice Arthur** in the Sholom Aleichem masterpiece, *Fiddler On The Roof*. **Walter Kerr** of the Herald Tribune charmingly compared his Tevye warbling *If I Were A Rich Man* to a "Jewish dolphin, gargling and cooing until he has arrived, mystically, at a kind of cabalistic coloratura . . . He is less Mother Courage than Father Complaint."

Indeed, to borrow the phrase of another critic, saluting the premiere of the **Richard Adler, Jerry Ross** and **Bob Fosse** musical, *Damn Yankees*, this collection of reviews is a "song-and-dance sockeroo."

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My tip of the hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Whether they're **Sir Yehudi Menuhin** or **Victor Borge, Rudolf Nureyev** or **Marvin Hamlisch**, the first question the celebrities ask **Laraine Herzog** is invariably the same: "How are my ticket sales doing?"

Green first soloist

Toronto-born Herzog, a tiny former pianist and ballet dancer with big brown eyes and diplomatic tact, is celebrating her third year as the staff greeter, trouble-shooter and escort who takes care of the stars performing at Roy Thomson Hall. The daughter of Eastern European immigrants **Paul** and **Goldie**, the hard-working "coordinator" — as she's officially called — is now at the peak of the concert season.

She's preparing to welcome to RTH stars who include **Claudio Abbado**, conductor of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, who'll be performing Feb. 23 and 24; Jewish pianist **Martin Katz**, who'll be accompanying the fabulous part-Maori New Zealand soprano **Kiri Te Kanawa** Feb. 15; and the Jewish piano virtuoso **Misha Dichter** who'll be soloist with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra April 28.

Mazel tov to ballerina **Sarah Green**, recently promoted to first soloist of the National Ballet of Canada, who'll dance the lead role in *Coppelia* Feb. 15 at the O'Keefe Centre (362-1041).

Composer-pianist **Barry Livingston**, the son of **Jordan** and **Sylvia** of Hamilton, Ont., a graduate of Judaic Studies at University of Toronto, will perform 10 of his original compositions (including *Simchat Torah*) along with dancers **Bayla Goldman** and **Suzan Lupkoskie**, at a Feb. 20 free-admission concert at the Art Gallery of Ontario (537-5190).

Los Angeles singer-composer **Debbie Friedman**, whose nine albums include the popular *Aleph Bet Song*, will be the opening headliner Feb. 23 of the six-day Centrefest of the Arts at the Bloor Y branch of the Jewish Community Centre (924-6211).

Richard Greenblatt, the brilliant award-winning director of *The Miracle Worker* at Young People's Theatre a few years ago will return there to direct *Mirror Game*, a play for teenagers that tackles the tough subject of family violence, opening Feb. 27 (864-9732). Percussionist-composer **Richard Sacks**, a Desrosiers Dance Theatre graduate, created an original score.

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I bow out with this exit line from **Oscar Levant**, the Jewish pianist and wit:

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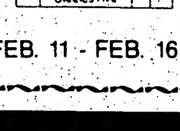

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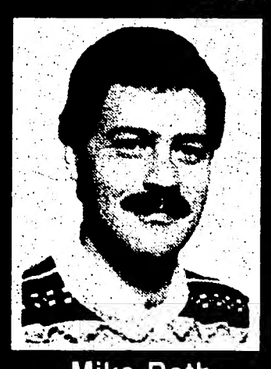

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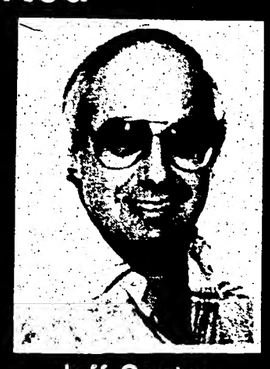

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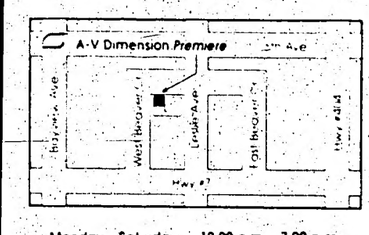

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B.C. tourists set to hear the music

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — "An unprecedented opportunity for British Columbia's tourism industry to take on the GST."

That's the way B.C. Tourism Minister Cliff Michael describes Music '91, the province's major tourist attraction for the year, which gets under way in early March.

Michael points out that the GST is such a hated tax, many Canadians are thinking about heading to the United States or to other GST-free spots for the annual family vacation.

The potential dollar loss and job loss is staggering, he suggests, pointing out that if just 10 per cent of B.C. residents, for example, who vacationed within the province last year, go south this year, the tourism revenue loss will add up to about $160 million.

So from March to October, Music '91 "will resound throughout British Columbia with the most extensive program of local, national and international entertainment since Vancouver's Expo '86," says the tourism ministry's publicity department.

Basically, Music '91 is a road show of top quality entertainment to be presented in some 120 B.C. communities throughout the summer — as concerts, mini-festivals and two-day family festivals. Local community festivals in 60 different towns and cities will tie in with these shows.

Music '91 promises that "international stars" as well as "high-calibre professional B.C. musicians" will participate.

On top of this, the Coast Hotels will present one concert series in the spring and another in the fall. The spring concerts will be in Prince George, Kelowna, Campbell River and Vancouver. The fall concerts will take place in Nanaimo, Victoria, Kamloops and Penticton.

Labatt's gets the program going with a 10-day concert series in many of Vancouver's premier venues. This begins on Feb. 24 and runs through until March 5. Some 30 concerts are included in this series, called Labatt's Canada Live.

On March 3 Music '91 will present the annual Juno Awards — the first appearance of this event outside of Toronto. The show will be broadcast live on CBC-TV from Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

Another major event will be the opening of The Phantom of the Opera on May 27 and running through to Oct. 23. This Andrew Lloyd Webber hit, which has been promoted here for months, has already chalked up advance ticket sales of over $10 million, with Alberta and Seattle residents ordering the bulk of the tickets so far. Vancouver's Jeff Hyslop has been selected to play the role of the phantom. The company to be seen in Vancouver will have a cross-country tour.

Features quality amateur talent

Community ShowCase, another section of Music '91, will give high quality amateur B.C., national and international talent opportunities to perform at hundreds of local celebrations and festivals in all regions of the province. As many as 50,000 musicians from 2,000 organizations are expected to participate — at least that's what the publicity says!

Adding a note of spontaneity will be StreetStuff, an assortment of roving musicians, bands, jugglers, clowns and other itinerant entertainers who along with taking part in many of the major events, will also make surprise visits to provincial parks, ferry terminals, border crossings and highway rest stops.

"The whole idea of Music '91," says Tourism Minister Michael, "is to offer our communities and regions a new tool to make local events and festivals even greater tourist draws. . . . It will focus the eyes and ears of millions of people on our province."

To back up the program, the ministry of tourism has kicked in $12 million from the Lotteries Fund and it's expected this will be matched by corporate sponsors, merchandising and ticket sales.

"From country and bluegrass to jazz, pop, blues, classical and rock, Music '91 will showcase everybody's music," says Michael. "It will truly be music to your ears."

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Marx's birthplace finds new life as a museum

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TRIER, Germany — Flanked by a frumpy beauty saloon and an indistinguishable apparel shop, the dowdy house at 10 Bruckenstrasse blends in well with its dour surroundings.

A three-storey Baroque dwelling of beige and gray, with hunter green shutters, Karl Marx's birthplace exudes an air of stolid bourgeois respectability.

Karl Marx Haus, as it is called in German, is a museum of Marxiana visited by about 200,000 tourists annually.

The chief theoretician of modern socialism and the patron saint of communism, he was born here on May 5, 1818, the son of Jewish parents, Heinrich and Henrietta Marx.

Heinrich Marx, a successful lawyer, was the scion of a long line of talmudic scholars. But that didn't stop him from converting to Christianity, a year before the birth of his illustrious son. When Karl was six, his father had him and his seven brothers and sisters converted to Christianity.

Marx would reject Christianity, just as he would describe Judaism in less than flattering terms in one of his essays, About the Jewish Question.

The family moved to smaller quarters in 1819, and for many years after that 10 Bruckenstrasse was used as a residential and commercial building. The German Social Democratic party (SPD) acquired the house in 1928 and renovated it, planning to turn it into a museum in honor of Marx. Before the SPD could get around to this, the Nazis took over Germany, and seized the building. From 1933 to 1945, 10 Bruckenstrasse was used as a Nazi party building.

After the Second World War, the house was returned to the SPD, and Gustav Kasel, a German Jewish architect and SPD member who had lived in Palestine, worked on its restoration. On the 150th anniversary of Marx's birth, Karl Marx Haus was opened.

In 1983, to mark the centenary of his death, the trustees of Karl Marx Haus added more extensive exhibits, as well as a library and study centre nearby at 28 Johannisstrasse.

Today, a visitor can wander through a museum filled with Marxian artifacts and bric-a-brac — first editions of Marx's books (including *Das Kapital*), manuscripts, letters, wall charts, prints, photographs and paintings.

Some are enclosed in glass cases, some on walls. A colorful genealogical family tree traces the Marx clan back to Eliezer of Mainz, circa 1370.

But Karl Marx Haus is not just an extended paean to Marx.

It offers an overview of early trade movements in Europe and provides a capsule history of the First International, the SPD and international labor parties.

In addition, the most notable figures in European socialism — from Victor Adler to Karl Kautsky — are given pride of place.

Although Karl Marx Haus attracts many foreign visitors, too little attention has been paid to marking exhibits in English, the world's lingua franca.

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Concord marks five-decade commitment to Passover

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. —

Cantor Shimon Farkas and Rabbi Michael Alony will preside over the Passover services at The Concord Resort Hotel which brings a five-decade commitment to the 1991 season.

"If we're going to celebrate and observe Passover, let's do it with a knowledge of tradition," said the first rabbi who conducted Passover services at The Concord in 1940.

Since then, The Concord Resort Hotel has opened its doors every year to provide Orthodox, Conservative and Sephardi services for guests who come from around the world.

Offering prayers and rituals and hiding the Afikomen for the 1991 Passover will be Rabbi Michael Alony, a native of Dublin descended from 14 generations of rabbis dating to Oliver Cromwell's time.

He studied for the Rabbinate in England where he was ordained and is a graduate of both Gateshead and Chevron Yeshivas and holder of Yoreh Yoreh Yadin Yadin Semicha. An impassioned speaker, he has served as chief rabbi for the Central Synagogue of Sydney, Australia, and as a rabbi in Long Beach, N.Y.

For the third consecutive year Cantor Shimon Farkas of Australia will chant the cantorial music, carrying on the Concord's tradition of presenting the world's best cantors — the Metropolitan Opera's Richard Tucker and Herman Malamood, and Jacob Barkin and Sidney Shicoff, father of Neil Shicoff of the Metropolitan, for example — before its Passover guests.

Cantor Farkas will be accompanied by the Concord Symphonic Chorale, a group of 20-30 voices conducted by Matthew Lazar.

Cantor Farkas, who is said to "chant for the angels," is cantor to a 2,000-family congregation in Sidney, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere.

A Concord staff supervisor for 44 years, Raymond Drillings, who blew shofar for Richard Tucker's famous Kol Nidre recording, is ritual director, a role he has held for four decades.

Unlike some hotels which are kosher just at Passover, The Concord has a year-round kosher supervisor. Mortimer Horowitz, the Mashgiach, oversees Passover Kashruth.

Because of the hotel's five-decade commitment to Passover, guests enjoy a standard of dining unsurpassed for this holiday. Years ago the resort solicited kosher recipes from homemakers and these recipes have been refined and embellished, drawing international cuisines into the menu offerings. For children there's even a Passover pizza.

In addition to Sedarim conducted for upwards of 2,000 in the Concord dining room, up to 35 private Sedarim can be arranged in meeting rooms transformed into private dining rooms throughout the hotel.

Another tradition of Passover at The Concord is assembling prominent speakers to address Anglo-Jewish and Israeli concerns.

Appearing on The Concord stage will be Red Buttons, Academy Award-winning comedy star, and Tony Martin, legendary singing and movie star.

There will also be Klezmer music and special programs for children, teens and young families.

Resort guests enjoy access to 16 indoor tennis courts and, weather permitting, 24 outdoor tennis courts, indoor swimming, men's and women's health clubs and ice skating. And weather permitting there is golfing on a 45-hole complex. The Concord Day Camp provides daily and evening activities for children.

The nightly per person rate (based on two per rooms and a nine-night minimum) from March 29 to April 7 ranges from $127 to $160 ($204 to $270 single occupancy). Included are lodging, three meals daily, nightly entertainment and access to resort facilities.

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Booklet provides activities for kids during auto trips

TORONTO —

A new publication from the American Automobile Association provides activities that will help keep children occupied and happy on long automobile trips.

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Most subjects in the book are trip-related and help introduce young ones to geography, nature and history. Games and puzzles vary in difficulty, making the book suitable for children aged four to pre-teen. It also can be used for children travelling by air.

The book can be purchased from Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) Toronto Travel Centres at a cost of $5.30 to CAA members, $8.50 to non-members (GST included).

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No age restriction for withdrawing RRSP funds to purchase a RRIF

Question: In a recent column, it was suggested that RRSP funds could be used to produce income during these recession times. I am in my early 50s. Am I too young to use the strategy you suggested?

Answer: No, you are not too young to have your RRSP funds assist you. There is no age restriction for withdrawing RRSP funds to purchase a RRIF. If income, using your RRSP, will help improve your cash flow, then by all means, you should consider it.

There has recently been a plan developed which nicely packages a temporary RRIF using your RRSP fund to produce income. RRSP funds may be transferred for a specific term of either five or 10 years at a guaranteed interest rate for the term chosen.

During the early years of the plan, income is paid to you. Later in the plan when, hopefully, times have improved, the income stops and the plan reverts back to an RRSP.

Question: This year I am 71 and must convert my RRSP. What do I have to know? What do I have to watch for?

Answer: The answer to your first question falls into two main categories, planning and procedure. When you convert your RRSP, you must have some idea of what type of plan you need.

This usually evolves from examining your income needs, future plans, estate plans, the resources available to produce income and the degree of management involvement and decision making you wish to make over future years. It would be wrong to decide to have a certain RRIF because "that's what my friend had."

Your financial situation is unique to you and therefore deserves the personal planning that you require. It is important to determine your goals and then determine the most appropriate plan or product to satisfy those goals.

Once that has been determined there are special procedures that must be followed to ensure that funds are transferred correctly and as quickly as possible. This means there is little or no loss of interest during the transfer procedure. Using a wrong form or a form lost in the mail could cause problems. A cheque for many thousands of dollars that is delayed or lost could cause even worse problems.

This leads us to the answer to your second question. The main danger you face is making a wrong decision based on no information, poor information or misinformation.

All too often people seek the wrong advisors. A clerk at a counter, in all likelihood, is not going to be the most qualified retirement planner or the most objective.

To avoid this we strongly suggest you consult with someone who specializes in RRIFs or annuities. A qualified planner will spend time with you to determine your goals and will make sure all the correct paper work is completed and properly expedited.

Most good retirement planners will also shop the market on your behalf to find you the most appropriate product and highest rates. With several months to go before you must convert your RRSP, take the time to do the planning and get the best help.

Question: I am planning to buy a RRIF this year. My wife is 11 years younger than me. If I use my age for the RRIF, I will not give my wife income protection for long enough time. If I use my wife's age for the RRIF, there will not be enough income. I seem to be caught between a rock and a hard place as to what to do. Can you help?

Answer: The two RRIFs you describe in your question are known as minimum income RRIFs. They let you take out an amount that is the smallest allowed by the tax department. But there is no limit on how much money above the minimum you can have.

For example, you may, if you desire, have a RRIF that will pay the interest earned on our principal. This will be a much larger amount than the minimum and would give you more income without shrinking the capital. It can be arranged on either your age or your wife's age while producing the same income.

There are many other arrangements possible which may be right for you. Our advice is to get help. Consult a professional.

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Networking can make a difference

Career Stakeout

By CHARLES WAGNER

We almost always face the same problem. We see an ad in the newspaper, contact the employer and ask for an interview.

But, the job has already been filled and we are told that our resume will be kept on file.

In today's job market, you may find yourself competing with 75 to 100 people who also saw the same ad in the paper. Each may be articulate, personable and eager.

Networking may make the difference. When you and another equally qualified candidate apply for the same job, then a reference from a mutual friend would be beneficial. Furthermore, since perhaps as many as 75 per cent of the available jobs are not advertised, finding out about those openings before anyone else does betters your chance of beating out the competition.

I estimate that almost every adult has thousands of potential connections. A connection does not have to be the owner of a big business or a lawyer on Bay Street. It can be your neighbor, your grocer, your mother or your brother's best friend.

I would be surprised if you could not easily list 100 people like this. If approached properly, these people will not only advise you, but they will contact their connections on your behalf and lead you to find a job.

I recommend these four steps to access your network and get your interview.

Step 1: Make a list of contacts. The list should include all the associations, synagogues, classes, clubs and groups to which you and your family members or close friends belong.

Step 2: List all the people you know from those groups, their phone numbers and how they may help you find a job to suit your particular qualifications. For example, a telephone call by your uncle to his banker friend may help you get an interview. Banks employ a lot of word processors and the fact that a mutual friend referred you to the bank can help. If your sister is a secretary for a corporation, she may be able to arrange an interview for you with either her office or advise you of a position that she heard about with another office.

Step 3: Contact each person on your list. Advise them that you are seeking a job and would like their help. Ask them to refer you to anyone who might be seeking new employees or who might know of job opportunities.

Step 4: After you speak with each new contact send a thank-you note. Stay in contact with those leads that look promising..

Some people feel hesitant about using contacts to advance their careers. The feeling may be that jobs obtained via a contact was not earned on merit.

In my experience, I have found that employers do not purposefully hire unqualified employees. If you get the job, it's likely that your new boss believes you have the potential to do the job. The fact that she or he has based that belief on a positive reference from a mutual friend is irrelevant.

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Junior Achievement of Canada established the Hall of Fame in 1979 to recognize the achievements and assertive leadership of Canadian business people, past and present.

Wolfe (1917 - 1990) was an innovative food industry wholesaler and retailer, as well as active community leader. (He was the driving force behind the group which took over The Canadian Jewish News in 1971 and made it a non-profit community paper.)

The release states that his foresight as chairman and chief executive officer transformed The Oshawa Group Ltd. from a produce wholesaler into one of Canada's largest distributors of food and pharmaceuticals.

The Oshawa Group supplies more than 500 franchised IGA food markets. It owns and operates 100 Food City and Dutch Boy supermarkets, as well as over 100 Pharma Plus Drug Marts.

Koffler, a CJN director, is a pharmacist who revolutionized retail pharmacy, the release says. He introduced Canada's first self-serve drug store which created a national network of more than 600 pharmacist owner-operated Shopper Drug Mart/Pharmaprix stores.

Koffler also was one of the co-founders of the Four Seasons Hotel chain and launched the Canadian Council for Native Business.

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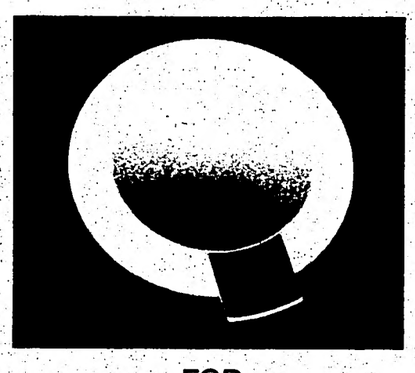

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Israel seeks trade access

BRUSSELS (JTA) —

Israel is often denied full access to major world markets for "non-economic reasons," Israel's minister of trade and industry complained to an international trade conference here.

Moshe Nissim, addressing the so-called Uruguay Round of negotiations held by the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, said Israel had made substantial efforts to liberalize its international trade, only to be denied reciprocity.

Nissim emphasized that the liberalization of trade, which is GATT's main objective, "also means freedom of trade for all."

Nissim said that Israel, especially within the last four years, has taken "many steps to promote liberalization in its foreign trade and is now in the mainstream of this process which started in the early '60s with our accession to GATT."

He described the Israeli economy as now "more accessible than ever, and the process has not ended yet."

Nissim devoted much of his speech to agriculture, one of the most controversial topics at GATT because it is a heavily subsidized sector.

Nissim said Israel has succeeded over the years in developing "a highly technological and advanced agriculture, which has managed to maintain a delicate balance between the import of goods" and exports of fruits and vegetables.

Revenue Canada lets self-employed deduct expenses

Tax News

By
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To be your own boss.

That is often the dream of many individuals who are currently employed. While most people aspire to this dream for other reasons, there are also considerable tax advantages to being self-employed.

While employed individuals are restricted to a narrow list of deductions, self-employed individuals may deduct all reasonable expense incurred in earning income from a business. Accordingly, such individuals should ensure they keep an accurate record of expenses that pertain to their business.

Typically, businesses compute their income in accordance with accounting principles that are generally accepted in Canada.

Most businesses are required to compute their income using the accrual basis of accounting. In effect, any expenses incurred or income earned in the fiscal period is recognized in computing net income, irrespective of when the expense is paid or the cash payment is received.

In addition to this accounting computation of net income, the Income Tax Act contains various provisions that must be addressed when reconciling net income for accounting purposes with income for tax purposes.

Some individuals may carry on a business that is incidental to their main income-producing activity. For example, an employed person may operate a business to generate extra income and, in certain cases, create losses to offset his or her employment income.

In order to deduct these losses, the business must be carried on for profit or with a reasonable expectation of profit. If the business shows losses each year, the taxpayer runs the risk that these losses will be denied.

Individuals operating an unincorporated business are at a distinct advantage over employed individuals in that they have flexibility in choosing the fiscal year-end of their business.

Since income from an unincorporated business is reported for a fiscal period ending in the calendar year, the choice of the initial fiscal year-end may be important.

Consider a business launched in September 1990 with an initial Jan. 31, 1991 year-end. This scenario would not require any income from this business to be reported by the individual in 1990, and only five months' income (September to January) will be reported in 1991. This may result in a significant deferral of taxes.

Different circumstances, however, may dictate a more appropriate choice of year-end.

By choosing a January year-end, an individual not only defers the year in which he reports income, but also postpones the year in which he is first required to pay instalments. In effect, tax payments may be postponed for up to two years.

But don't be fooled. Prudent planning dictates that funds be put aside to cover the eventual tax liability.

Be careful when picking a year-end. Once chosen, the year-end cannot be changed without Revenue Canada's approval.

A full set of financial statements need not be filed in the proprietor's personal tax return. At a minimum, an income statement setting out gross revenue and the attributable expense must be completed and filed with the personal tax return.

Revenue Canada provides a number of forms that can be used by taxpayers in computing their income from a business. To no one's surprise, these forms are structured to provide more detailed information than normally found in a financial statement.

These particular forms are not required to be filed. Therefore, taxpayers may opt for a different format where they feel it is appropriate.

Expense receipts and other support documentation need not be filed with the tax return. However, these receipts should be kept on file in case the taxpayer is subsequently audited by Revenue Canada.

Deductions for expenses incurred in connection with the consumption of food and beverages or the enjoyment of entertainment will be restricted to 80 per cent of their cost. Expenses caught by this measure include tickets for cultural or sporting events, resort accommodations, meal allowances paid to employees and the cost of meals incurred while attending conventions or seminars.

A large number of taxpayers claim expenses relating to maintaining an office in a home. In an effort to prevent perceived abuses in this area, rules exist to limit the circumstances under which such expenses will be deductible for tax purposes.

To qualify, the home office must be the taxpayer's principal place of business. Where this is not the case, the space must be used exclusively for business purposes and must be used on a regular basis for meeting customers, clients or patients.

A related restriction will deny the deduction of home office expenses in excess of income from the business for which the office is used. Any disallowed portion, however, will be carried forward indefinitely and be eligible for deduction in a subsequent year.

It is important to note that the above restriction applies only to individuals who earn business income. Therefore, an individual who earns income from property or carries on business through a corporation will be unaffected by these rules.

Self-employed individuals who operate their offices in the home can claim a portion of expenses such as property taxes, mortgage interest, insurance and utilities. The proportion claimed should be reasonable in relation to the space in the home that is used as an office.

Self-employed individuals will often complain about the headaches and aggravation that arise from operating their own business. The tax advantages, when compared to employed individuals, may somewhat compensate for this problem.

However, many of these tax advantages have been restricted or eliminated over the years.

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Israel Bonds blitz

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A two-week emergency campaign to raise $10 million (U.S.) for Israel is under way across Canada by State of Israel Bonds.

Julius Briskin, executive vice-president, said the drive will end on Feb. 14.

It is part of a $100 million (U.S.) mobilization launched across North America.

This year Bond purchases are being chanelled by Israel into housing and jobs for Soviet and other olim.

"The recepton we're getting is enough to gladden my heart," Briskin said.

Bond sales in Canada in 1990 reached a record high of $86,628,310 (U.S.), 11 per cent higher than in the previous year. The world-wide total, which also broke records, was $765,772,593 (U.S.)

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Ontario's vehicle repair act ensures public doesn't get taken for a ride

The best way to keep your car's engine purring throughout the year is to find and frequent a reputable garage.

Experts at the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations say that there is no substitute for regular auto maintenance at a garage with which you are familiar.

However, many motorists may not have a regular garage. Using a service station referred to you by a friend may not give you much confidence, if you don't know a gasket from a generator.

Experts suggest that if the car needs repair work, knowing about Ontario's Motor Vehicle Repair Act (MVRA) will help you get the service you require. The act can also help ensure the final bill won't put a bigger dent than you expected in your budget.

The act requires mechanics to provide full information on how they calculate charges, written estimates on request and a 90-day warranty on new and reconditioned parts and associated labor.

Experts say that consumers should be able to see one result of the act as soon as they walk through the door of a garage. A sign listing the garage's prices and stating whether they are based on an hourly rate or a flat rate must be posted.

Flat rate means the customer is charged for labor according to a book listing of the average time it takes to do most repair jobs. Once a mechanic knows what your car's problem is, garages using flat rates can normally tell you almost exactly what the labor charge will be.

This system has both advantages and disadvantages. Some experts say consumers may be better off dealing with a shop that charges by the hour.

This is due to the fact that a mechanic in a flat-rate shop may not take extra time to correct a problem. Many people think mechanics are more likely to do a more thorough job when an hourly rate is charged.

Regardless of the rate system used, the customer must be provided with a cost estimate on request.

Experts also suggest that customers should ask for the estimate in writing because this guarantees their protection under the act. By law, the mechanic can charge only 10 per cent more than the price quoted in the written estimate, unless the customer agrees to extra charges.

The estimate should include:

- Name and address of customer and garage.
- Make, model, VIN (identification number for the individual auto) and licence number of the vehicle.
- Description of work or repairs to be made.
- Parts to be installed and a statement as to whether they will be new, used or reconditioned.
- Total cost of labor.
- Date the estimate is given and the date it expires.

Experts say that garages may charge for estimates, but the customer must be told the cost in advance. Much of the time required to complete an estimate may also be necessary to complete the job. For this reason, if a customer approves the estimate without delay, the garage may not charge for the estimate.

When the job is done, the customer should ask for an itemized invoice. This will help the repair act protect the customer, if problems arise later because it requires that garages offer a warranty on both new and reconditioned parts, and associated labor for 90 days or 5,000 km, whichever comes first.

The warranty applies only to work that is the garage's responsibility, however. If your have new tires installed and drive over a nail the next day, replacing the ruined tire is your responsiblity.

Experts say that if consumers have any complaints about the services they've received from a motor vehicle repair shop, they should contact their local ministry Consumer Services Bureau.

Light colors are the most visible

It seems to be a well known fact that, psychologically, color is an essential part of the overall perception a motorist has of his car.

The choice of color will vary according to the buyer's personal taste, general trends offered on the market, fashion and even economic conditions (apparently, during a recession consumers will opt for subdued colors and during economic growth, they will favor bright colors).

Depending on the car size and degree of luxury, consumer preferences will vary.

Customers buying luxury cars such as Cadillac, Lincoln or Mark VI tend to prefer chic colors like black or white. On the other hand, bright colors will be more popular for economy-size models.

Which color will enable other motorists to see your car in any condition or degree of visibility? Lime green, phosphorent orange or shocking pink?

It's difficult to give a definite answer to this question. However, there is a basically logical rule to guide us: light colors are better seen.

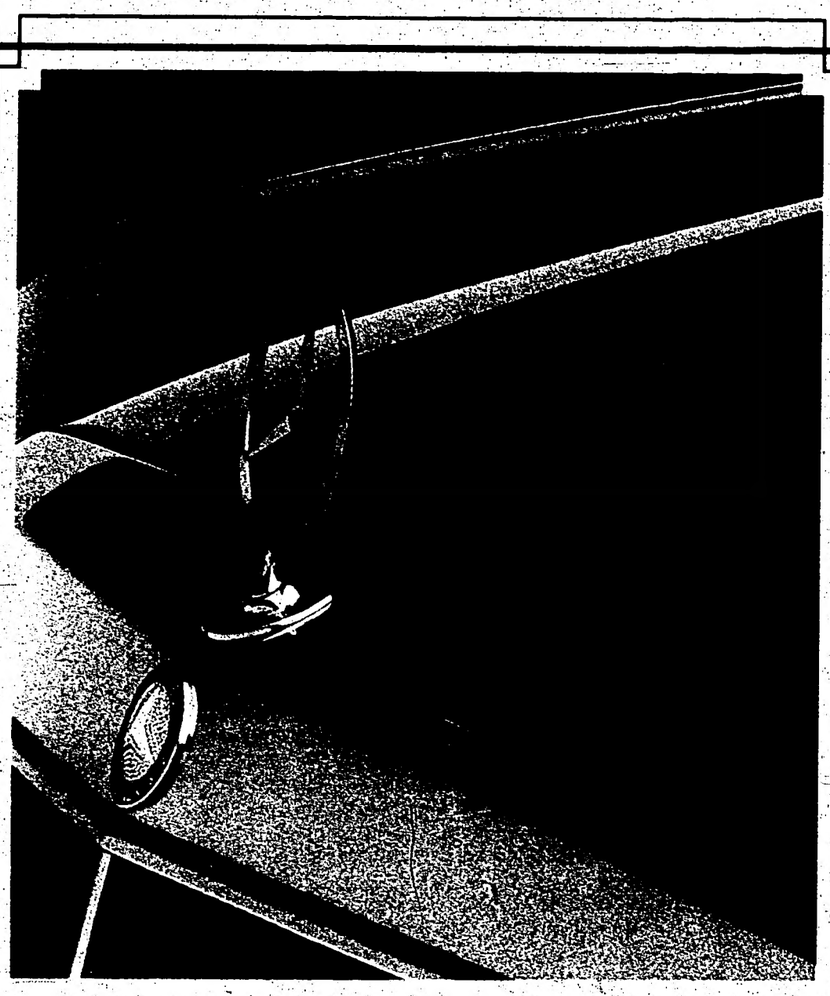
In theory, it's easier to spot a yellow car than a brown car when driving at night. But being able to see other vehicles on the road depends more on light and weather conditions. So actually, that same yellow car can be seen more or less easily, depending on the circumstances. As far as other colors are concerned, we can't be specific.

A few years ago, a study by the German firm Daimler-Benz rated colors and founded that light colored cars could be seen at distances two to four times greater than dark colored vehicles.

Colors that are truly somber seemed to be classified as actually dangerous, whereas light colors are safer. It is difficult to be more specific on that subject as out of 100 automobile accidents, 250 different factors play more or less important roles.

Obviously, a white car is difficult to spot in the snow, and a green car blends in with a summer country landscape; it goes without saying.

To be visible, car colors must not have a "chameleon effect." It is wisest to stick to light or even bright colors.



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"Fair coverage at fair price": Kormos

Ontario gets set to announce new insurance plan

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —
Car owners who have had trouble with automobile insurance in the past, will be pleased to know that a new system, known as public auto insurance, will be announced this spring.

"We believe that drivers in Ontario are entitled to fair insurance coverage at a fair price," said the Minister of Financial Institutions, Consumer & Corporate Affairs.

Peter Kormos said: "While obvious political events have moved auto insurance to the forefront, the fact is that the automobile insurance issue in Ontario has a history of its own going back for some time."

insurance premiums were increasing dramatically; sometimes at a rate of 30 to 35 per cent in a single year, he said.

Kormos said most drivers have heard the horror stories of drivers who cannot be insured and the penalizing of good drivers because of the driving record of another member of the household.

Incidences such as these forced the previous government to examine auto insurance in the province, Kormos said.

Liberal government capped rates

In December 1985, David Slater was appointed to study problems of availability and price of general liability insurance. One of his recommendations was that new products for auto insurance be examined.

Consequently, in November 1986, Mr. Justice Coulter Osborne was appointed to inquire into motor vehicle accident compensation in Ontario, Kormos said.

In April 1987, after monitoring car insurance rates for some months, the Liberal government capped automobile insurance rates at the levels in force on that day. As well, it promised to provide a rating classification system that would prohibit age, sex and marital status as criteria for setting rates.

Almost a year later, the Ontario Automobile Insurance Board (OAIB) was established to determine rates or ranges of rates that could be charged by insurance companies in accordance with a mandatory classification system.

Kormos said that after a series of hearings, the board released its decision on industry-wide rates for private passenger automobiles. A benchmark rate was set at 7.6 per cent above existing rates, but insurers were able to file for increases as high as 17 per cent.

Also, changes to the way specific drivers were to be classified meant that many drivers could experience much higher increases, some up to 50 or 60 per cent. This was the dislocation fallout, he said.

"Preliminary filings from insurers indicated that most insurers would raise their rates not to the benchmark rate, but to the maximum amount permitted. This was in fact what happened.

Costs prompt outcry

"The insurance industry reached for the plus 17 per cent figure. Obviously, even to the former government, this was intolerable to the public.

"Following an outburst of province-wide criticism, the Liberal government was forced to scrap the classification system and the OAIB rate proposal."

Kormos said following this, the Liberal government allowed an increase of 7.6 per cent across the board. As well it arranged for a reference hearing before the OAIB on two models of a threshold no-fault insurance plan and a third model called choice no-fault.

He pointed out that toward the end of 1989 the government introduced Bill 68 outlining its threshold no-fault auto insurance plan.

"As we all remember, the Bill was subject to strong opposition from a wide area of public opinion and to much vigorous debate from opposition members, including, as you may recall, quite a lengthy contribution from myself."

Despite the protest, Bill 68 passed and went into effect in June 1990.

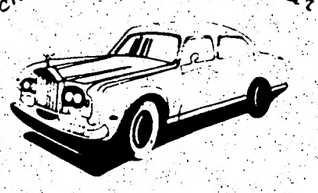
"We have historically advocated a driver-owned, publicly-operated insurance plan, not unlike those in British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan."

NDP election platform

"This, then, was our position leading up to the Sept. 6 provincial election," Kormos said.

"As far as our position now that we form the government, I can tell you that we were elected in no small part because of our platform on a driver-owned auto insurance plan.

"We have talked for a long time about public auto insurance. A public, driver-owned, non-profit insurance system ... an insurance system that would provide fair affordable coverage ... an insurance system that would guarantee access to court rooms for injured victims. Obviously, you can appreciate that much work will have to be done."



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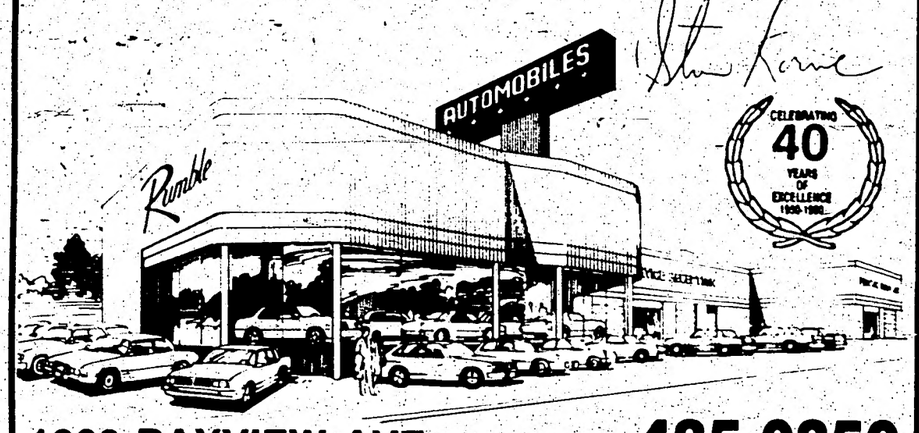

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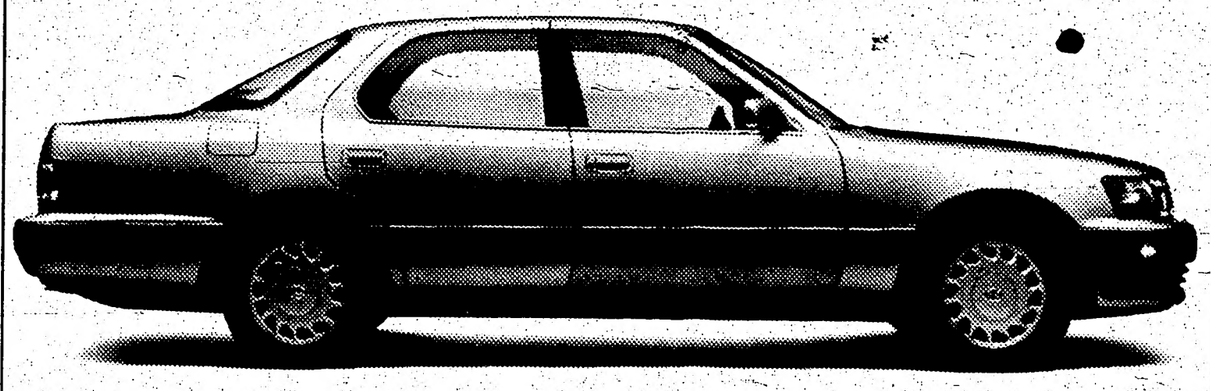

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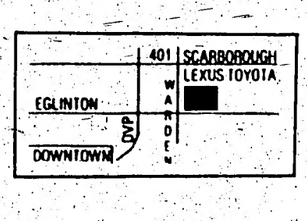

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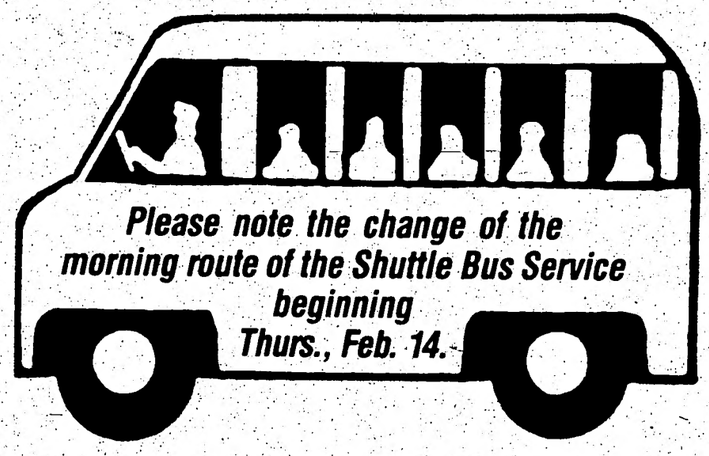

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